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THE WORLD CHAMPION

Who will

it be?



World Cup Special Edition



ALL THE NEWS FROM THE WORLD CUP FINALS

ALL STARS CHARITY

THE world's Soccer stars, competing in the World Cup, will play a benefit match on July 27 in Pasadena California, to aid Mexican children who suffered in last September's devastating earthquake.

Announcing the World All-Star Game yesterday, FIFA president Joao Havelange said the match "will be unique in that it brings together the finest players of the world in one game."

The match is sponsored jointly by FIFA and UNICEF, the United Nations children's fund. It will be played at

Pasadena's Rose Bowl stadium — site of the 1984 Olympic Soccer tournament — between teams from the Americas and the Rest of the World.

The teams will be finalised after the World Cup. The following players have been invited to take part:

AMERICAS: Roberto Fernandez (Paraguay), Julio Cesar (Brazil), Daniel Passarella (Argentina), Fer-

nando Quirarte (Mexico), Diego Maradona (Argentina), Careca (Brazil), Manuel Negrete (Mexico), Hugo Sanchez (Mexico), Jorge Valdano (Argentina), Zico (Brazil), Julio Cesar Romero (Paraguay).

REST OF THE WORLD: Pat Jennings (Northern Ireland), Hans-Peter Briegel (West Germany), Antonio Cabrini (Italy), Morten Olsen (Denmark), Michel Platini (France), Soren Lerby (Denmark), Park Chang-Sun (South Korea), Bruno Conti (Italy), Emilio Butragueno (Spain), Gary Lineker (England), Mohammed Tilmoumi (Morocco), Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (West Germany).

WHO WILL WIN THE WORLD CUP??



AN ACCURATE clairvoyant for World Cup Soccer this week would be worth more than his weight in gold as "D-Day" fast approaches.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

With all the quarter finals now well out of the way as of yesterday, and twenty nations already having departed out of Mexico, only four teams are left to see who will survive to take out the Cup early next Monday morning (A.E.S.T.).

And what a World Cup this has been!

We saw last week how Italy, the current Cup holders, crashed out of the competition with an inglorious display against Michel Platini's men.

I say inglorious because what Italy slapped up against France was sheer rubbish and they, greatly disappointed, if not cheated, millions of Italian fans spread throughout the world.

England for that matter, were no better with the gutless performance they put up against Argentina yesterday morning.

ward to add sting into the attack, especially right-back Amoros who was no less than superb.

Amoros is a 21st Century defender.

Both outside-backs push up into the midfield, allowing their midfielders to advance in full support of their strikers.

On Thursday the French face West Germany as they did in 1982.

This time France must be rated highly to take the match.

It could happen and without going into penalties.

With the exit of both Italy and Brazil, the Cup is now up for grabs.

Four nations now remain to contest which will be the recipient of the coveted trophy.

They are Argentina, Belgium, France and West Germany.

FRENCH QUALITY

ITALY's 2-nil loss against France somewhat flattered them.

But France in this match, put on a magnificent exhibition of complete team-work.

The French have much more than their "World head-liner" skipper Platini in their arsenal.

The current European Champions have developed a harmonious unit between their three lines.

That magnificent back-four of Amoros, Bossis, Battiston, Tussseau, plus one of the World Cup's most magnificent goalkeepers, Joel Bats, easily handled Italy.

Last Sunday this same back-four more than held Brazil at bay and repeatedly came for-

ARGENTINA

THE 1978 World Champions are the only South American contingent left in the Cup.

But the main reason for this is also their Achilles heel.

In one simple word... MARADONA.

Argentina launches EVERYTHING through Maradona.

It relies almost entirely on Maradona.

There are no Kempes, Ardiles or Passarellas around to help ease Maradona's load.

This simplefact gives them great vulnerability as well as strength.

But like it or not Maradona, in this World Cup, has been not just a name.

Despite being saddled with the captaincy, the added responsibility seems to have stimulated a dimension of steel in Maradona's character.

His leadership qualities have been nothing short of magnificent.

Almost alone, Maradona sent England crashing out of the World Cup with his two spectacular goals yesterday morning, to go back to Wembley and start all over again for 1990.

WEST GERMANY

THE Germans showed how easily they can be dragged down and be denied of match dominance.

Africa's little Morocco last week proved this point as they more than held West Germany till the final seconds of their Stage 2 clash.

On Sunday morning, the Germans literally struggled against Mexico in the quarter finals



MANUELE AMOROS

and were in fact kept scoreless by the Sombrero soldiers, forcing the referee to take the match into penalties.

Karl Heinz Rummenigge, Hans Peter Breigel, Felix Magath, all greatly disappointed.

Only Klaus Allofs came away from this match with his credentials intact.

The West Germans this time have no Beckenbauer, Stielicke, Seeler, Mueller or even a Breitner.

In all honesty, I just cannot see West Germany coming away with anything from Mexico this time.

On Thursday morning, the Germans face France in the semis and they will have to be at their scintillating best if they expect to take this match from Platini's men.

BELGIUM

NOT many people gave the Belgians a chance of making the semis.

With their superb exhibition yesterday morning against Spain, the Belgians will give Argentina a hard match on Thursday morning.

Gallantly led by their striker-skipper, Jan Ceulemans, the Belgian

side has shown great unity and discipline in defence without being ultra-negative.

Stars of the like of Ceuleman, Vandereycken, Claesen and mobile defender Grun, have made Belgium a side to be reckoned with.

On Thursday morning Argentina will not have it all their own way and Maradona will not have the luxury of space that he has previously enjoyed, especially against England.

Belgium's goalkeeper, Jean-Marie Pfaff, is easily one of the very best in Mexico right now, inspiring calm, solid confidence to his back-four men in front of him.

THE WINNER?

SO who will win the World Cup?

I fancy Argentina to narrowly defeat Belgium in the semis and France to dispose of West Germany.

If that does eventually, the Final will see France face Argentina early next Monday morning where the South Americans could have their first taste of defeat in this World Cup series and see the Cup change address from Rome to Paris.



BRUNO CONTI — in European Side.



Action from France vs Brazil (left) Carlos, Brazil's goalkeeper colliding with French striker Yannick Stopyra, a split second before Platini scored.

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ALL THE NEWS FROM THE WORLD CUP FINALS

MAGIC MARADONA SENDS ENGLAND CRASHING OUT

ARGENTINA's mercurial captain, Diego Maradona booked England's airline tickets out of Mexico City and back to London.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

For it was Maradona who scored both goals against England in the quarter finals at the Azteca Stadium to send England crashing out of World Cup calculations.

Before I go on, let me assure you I'm an England supporter and a great admirer of manager, Bobby Robson.

This was the 49th time Robson was in charge of England.

But England's display was nothing less than pathetic, gutless and a disgrace from a country that easily boasts the toughest domestic League in the world.

For England to progress into the semis all that had to be done, as everybody knew, was to stop Maradona.

Yet not a single English player had the ability or desire to make a serious legal attempt to do this.

Maradona literally ripped England apart on his own.

England, in the first session, showed excessive respect for the Argentines and never attempted to piece together a move to penetrate the South American lines.

The only real attempt on goal in the first session by England was launched by Newcastle United's front-runner, Peter Beardsley.

From the right side of the box Beardsley hooked a shot that crashed into the side netting of the goals.

England lacked shape, width and penetration as hesitancy dominated with monotonous regularity.

They played like a nation without any confidence and the Argentines knew it.

England's midfield quartet of Trevor Steven, Glenn Hoddle, Peter Reid and Steve Hodge, all failed to inject some form of authority over Argentina.

England lacked leadership as Argentina, again as expected, played everything through Maradona.

Once Argentina realised England was not going to offer anything, they cut loose in the 52nd minute with their first goal.

Maradona worked a neat one-two with Valdano, raced straight through England's central defence and appeared to head the bouncing ball over Peter Shilton's head and into the net. England players appealed vehemently that Maradona had knocked the ball in with his left hand.

Before England, who by now had their heads low, allowed Maradona through again.

There was no controversy about this goal.

The magnificent, mobile, nuggety Argentine collected the ball wide right and some 55 metres out. In a scorching, zig-zagging raid, Maradona raced through no less than five attempted tacklers plus rounded England's captain, Shilton to slide the ball into England's net.

That display of "defence" was easily the most pathetic exhibition

in this World Cup by any team.

The 65th minute saw Glenn Hoddle crack a 25 metre free-kick on target, but Argentina's goalkeeper, Nery Pumpido was determined to keep a clean sheet and left-gloved the shot for a corner.

With 20 minutes to go, Bobby Robson brought on Watford's flank-striker, John Barnes and this was the only positive move in the entire match.

Almost immediately Barnes came on, England was injected with a forward thrust. Barnes did what every other England player had failed to do.

He had a go.

Three times Barnes ripped down the left flank and clipped lovely crosses into Argentina's box.

In the 81st minute it was Barnes who attacked down the line, whipped in his geometrically

correct cross right onto Gary Lineker's head for the Everton striker to head England's solitary goal past Pumpido.

Stung by England's arrogant goal, Maradona immediately hit the base of England's left post with his short drive.

Three minutes from the end that man Barnes again busted through and yet again whipped in a perfect cross to Lineker. But this time Lineker failed by inches to connect with his header from right in front that would have levelled the scoreline.

England lost this match because they failed miserably to show any flair, imagination or take chances. And as for their dead ball movements they were sterile.

ARGENTINA: Pumpido; Batista, Brown, Cuchi, Burruchuga (Tapia 73), Maradona, Valdano, Olari-coechea, Glustli, Enrique, Ruggeri.

ENGLAND: Shilton; G.Stevens, Butcher, Fenwick, Sansom; T.Steven (Barnes 70), Hoddle, Reid (Waddle 60), Hodge; Lineker, Beardsley.

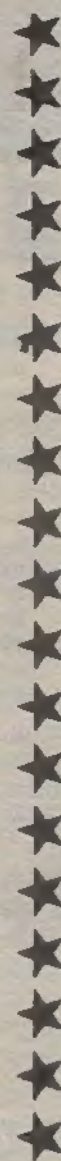
REFEREE: Mr Benaceur (Tunisia).



Jean-Marie Pfaff



Emilio Butragueño



GARY LINEKER

BELGIUM BRILLIANT AGAINST SPANISH IN CLOSE CONTEST

BELGIUM made history for their country by qualifying for their first World Cup semi-finals on Thursday.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

They face Argentina as the result of their defeating Spain on penalties in a spectacular match at Puebla Stadium.

With the scoreline locked in at 1 all after extra time, Belgium reeled off five consecutive penalties.

Olaya missed when Belgium's goalkeeper, Jean-Marie Pfaff brilliantly blocked the Spaniard's effort.

Unlike the England vs Argentina match, both sides attacked virtually non-stop in this clash and Spain had to wait till five minutes before full-time before they could equalise and force extra time to be played.

Electrifying pace and skills saturated this match with Spain just ahead in both departments.

But Belgium, so gallantly led by striker-captain Jan Ceulemans, showed great discipline in defending which repeatedly thwarted the Spanish raids.

Caldere tested Belgium's goalkeeper early in the match with his drive from 14 metres, but the Belgium custodian was not pressured by the shot.

Spain's attacks were very spirited and highly colourful, full of imagination as they constantly attempted to stretch Belgium across at the back.

But their star, the "Vulture" Butragueño, scorer of that "fabulous four" against the Danes, could not penetrate the thick-webbed defence

Belgium had spun around the perimeter of their box.

His frustrated shot from 18 metres went over the cross-bar in the 16th minute.

Belgium hit the target in the 32nd minute through skipper Ceulemans.

A fine cross from the left line by Vandereycken found Ceulemans not disappointing his crosser by strongly heading into Spain's net.

Spain replaced Renones with Senor at halftime and this substitution proved to be a winner.

Belgium should have gone further ahead in the 54th minute when they counter-attacked and caught Spain out at the back.

Claesen busted up through the middle and knocked the ball to Ceulemans inside Spain's box. But the Belgium skipper unselfishly elected to square the ball from right in front, out on the right to Veyt.

Veyt showed little gratitude by sending his close-range shot well over the cross-bar.

Despite this being a pressure match, the entertainment value was enormous as Spain chose to run with the ball whilst Belgium played it short and with one or two touches.

The 85th minute saw Spain equalise.

Halftime substitute Senor, receiving the ball 20 metres out from a cut-back from the right side, hammered a thunderous first time bullet that crashed into Belgium's net and force extra time to be played.

Extra time saw both teams slow down as fatigue set in after a hectic 90 minute session.

But neither side could hit the winner, forcing East German referee, Mr S. Kirschchen to decide the match on penalties.

This was the third quarter final duel that had to be decided by penalties.

Belgium slotted in all their five shots whilst Spain failed through Olaya.

One has to sympathise with Spain for missing out on the semis whilst a lack-lustre side like West Germany has qualified.

Spain in this World Cup were far superior to the efforts of their 1982 side who had the advantage of playing in their own backyard.

They now face Maradona's men on Thursday morning in the semi-finals.

BELGIUM: Pfaff, Gerets, Renquin, Grun, de Mol, Vervoort, Sclaf, Ceulemans, Vandereycken, Veyt (Bross 85), Claesen.

SPAIN: Zubizarreta; Renones (Senor 46), Camacho, Munoz, Butragueño, Moreno, Gallego, Portan, Caldere, Salinas (Olaya 70), Gonzalez.

REFEREE: S.Kirschchen. (East Germany).



Action from West Germany vs Mexico.

THE FRENCH C'EST MAGNIFIQUE



FRANCE played one of the most magnificent games so far in the World Cup series in defeating Brazil 4-3 on penalties in a quarter final at the Estadio Jalisco, Guadalajara.

So impressive were the Frenchmen, that I would venture to select them as of now to make the Final and go on and take out the Cup.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

France was just superb as they met a completely different Brazil to what they had expected.

The French victory (heavily laced with class, unity and pure skills), was a perfect birthday present for skipper Michel Platini, who was celebrating his 31st year.

Brazil, who in the lead-up matches had looked slow and lethargic, came out full of buzz and pace to catch the French by surprise.

But, it was France who had the first real chance of the match.

Playing their beautiful, open, velvet-smooth, champagne-attacking style, their Man of the Match, right-back Manuel Amoros belted a loose ball into the side netting from 30 metres out.

Nine minutes later, Brazil's Socrates fired a hot drive at the target, but the French goalkeeper, (one of France's other heroes), Joel Bats, blocked well for a corner.

The Brazilians however hit the front in the 17th minute.

Brazilian midfielder Junior advanced to the edge of the box and squared a neat ball to his left for Careca.

Careca slammed a first time blast into the right corner of the net to lift his personal goal tally to five for the series.

But France was tenacious and unyielding, soaking up all the pressure the South Americans applied on them.

The most wonderful aspect of the Frenchmen's game was the discipline they exhibited in defence. Once off the ball, everybody got goal-side of the ball as one complete unit.

The 25th minute saw Amoros whip in a flat cross from the right flank to striker Dominique Rocheteau who steered towards the target.

Brazil's goalkeeper Carlos neutralised the danger.

The 35th minute saw Brazil hit the post following a square ball from Careca that Muller slammed onto the timber.

With "drinks" just four minutes away, the Frenchmen nailed the equaliser they tirelessly toiled for.

Non-stop industrious Rocheteau fired a cross into the six yard box from the right. Striker Stopyra attempted a diving header, failed to connect but Platini hovering on the back

post, stroked the ball into the net from three metres to lock-up the scoreline at 1-1.

Platini's goal busted Brazil's shut-out record of 400 minutes play in this Cup with conceding a goal.

Brazil crowded its midfield by pushing up both of their fullbacks, Josimar and Edinho, to deny space to the magical Platini and Giresse.

The quality of Soccer was, at this stage, unbelievably exquisite for such a pressure, sudden-death duel.

Brazil threw themselves repeatedly at France as the Frenchmen patrolled the perimeter of their penalty area like dedicated Legionnaires with fixed bayonets.

The second session was played at an equally furious pace as shots rained in at both ends of the pitch.

Slowly but surely, some of the ageing Brazilian stars began to wilt under this unyielding pressure. Socrates and Junior became understandably leg-weary and began to miss their tackles.

Brazil hit the French cross-bar in the 70th minute with a powerful header by Careca.

Two minutes later, Brazil unleashed their star Zico from the bench to replace Muller.

To my mind, this was a tactical error by Tele Santana.

Sure Zico had to come on, but Muller's pace was causing problems for France on the flanks. Socrates, or even Junior were better candidates to come off.

Zico fired a magnificent 40 metre defence-splitting ball for left-back Branco to burst through into the clear.

But a desperate French goalkeeper, was left with no choice but to foul Branco in the box and Romanian referee, Mr Ion Igna to award Brazil a penalty.

Jubilant eruption across the Brazilian players as Zico lined-up his spot kick.

But the Brazilian idol Zico hit his shot rather casually, which saw France's superb custodian Joel Bats dive sharply to his left to pull off a spectacular block.

This missed penalty nailed Brazil's World Cup coffin.

With 12 minutes left

of normal time, France came forward strongly and in a switch-play between Platini and Amoros, Amoros crashed his 16 yard shot inches wide of the right post.

Extra 30 minutes play was ordered by the referee to decide the match.

The 105th minute saw France denied a DEFINITE goal when deadly striker Stopyra broke away 35 metres into the clear onto a Platini-fed ball with only Carlos to beat.

Carlos raced off his line and OUT of the box to foul Stopyra.

No yellow card. No free kick. In fact nothing. An incredible piece of refereeing by the Romanian.

With the scoreboard reading 1-1 after 120 minutes of football, the match went into penalties, the second time only in the history of the World Cup.

The first time of course again involved France in 1982 against West Germany.

This is how the penalties went:

Socrates miss, Stopyra goal, Alemao goal,



Luis Fernandez puts away the winning penalty and (inset) Michel Platini celebrates the win.

Amoros goal, Zico goal, Bellone goal, Platini miss, Cesar miss, Fernandez goal.

France now play West Germany in a semi-final.

For France, Amoros, Bats, Battiston, Bossis, and Rocheteau were superb whilst for Brazil, Careca and Edinho were the best for the losers.

FRANCE: Bats: Amoros, Bossis, Battiston, Tussseau: Fernandez, Platini, Giresse (Ferrari 84th), Tigana: Stopyra, Rocheteau. BRAZIL: Carlos: Josimar, Cesar, Alemao, Branco: Junior (Silas 91st), Socrates, Edinho, Elzo: Careca, Muller (Zico 72nd). REFEREE: I. Igna (Romania.)



Zico, Josimar and Alemao celebrate a successful spot kick for Brazil — yet they lost.

GERMANS SET UP ANOTHER BATTLE WITH CLASSY FRENCH



West German elation — Pierre Littbarski has made it 4-1.

WEST GERMANY struggled over Mexico at Monterrey to qualify for a semi-final spot and set up yet another absorbing battle against France — just as they did four years ago in Spain.

This match saw the

red card being pulled out twice (one to each country) as well as eight yellow cards as the Columbian referee Jesus Diaz tried to exert his authority.

Mexico should have scored in the 20th minute when Tomas and Sanchez attacked strongly, but they lost possession inside the German's box.

In the 36th minute it was West Germany's

turn to threaten as Thomas Berthold penetrated deeply but was well tackled by the defence.

The 1974 World Champions looked anything but impressive as Mexico, in fact, provided far more thrills, skills and spills than their more illustrious opponents.

Right on halftime, Mexico's Raul Servin drove a rocket drive from 15 metres out at the target but West Germany's captain and goalkeeper Tony Schumacher blocked well.

The first session saw

both sides showing too much caution and respect for each other and a great reluctance to display any individual flair or take chances.

The second session was much the same forcing German coach, Franz Beckenbauer to take off veteran Karl Heinz Rummenigge and bring on Dieter Hoenes in the 64th minute.

Mexico's acrobatic goalkeeper Pablo Larios, pulled off three spectacular saves to

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SO NEAR YET SO FAR FOR MOROCCANS

MONTERREY: The brave World Cup challenge of African nation Morocco ended just two minutes before the full time whistle in their second round encounter against Cup hot-shots West Germany at the University Stadium.

For a moment, Morocco's stiff defence faltered enough to allow West German midfielder Lothar Matthaeus to score the killer goal with an 88th-minute free-kick.

It was the only goal of the encounter and put the Germans into a quarter-final match against Mexico and sent the Moroccans packing.

But, it is doubtful if Morocco will be forgotten in a hurry, especially after their amazing performances in this series.

Unheralded before the start, they caught everyone unawares as they made the world sit up and take notice that they have arrived as a Soccer force.

The Germans can thank Matthaeus, who had been their most enterprising player, for saving their bacon. He drove a low shot round the Moroccans' hastily assembled wall five metres outside their penalty area.

The ball found the

gap on the right of the wall and flew low into the bottom corner of the net past a startled and unsighted Baddou Zaki in the Moroccan goal.

At the time it appeared Morocco had done all that was required to frustrate and contain the physically more powerful West Germans and take the match into extra time.

However, anything but a German victory in this match would have been an injustice. The 1974 world champion had largely controlled the game and at least attempted to score a decisive goal.

German coach Franz Beckenbauer said: "It was an extremely difficult match for us, but that was what we expected. Morocco are a very strong team and they showed just why they deserved to qualify."

"We knew they would try to make us run and take advantage of the heat to wear us down and that's why we couldn't play the game

we wanted to and although we had four or five chances to wrap it up, we had to wait until the very end to make sure we got through."

There was obvious sympathy for the defiant Africans, the first team from that continent to reach the second round.

Moroccan coach Jose Faria said after the match: "Obviously I'm disappointed that we are out of the competition, but nevertheless I'm very pleased with the way my team played, particularly against such a strong team as the Germans."

"The heat obviously played a big part and that is why there were so few attacks, with each team hoping for a quick breakaway."

"But despite our disappointment, we can go home proud of the way we have played throughout the World Cup."

The Germans, who have never failed to reach at least the last eight in nine finals, must have had visions of a

repeat of their embarrassing defeat by Algeria in 1982 as they fought to wrest control of the game from the stifling defensive play of their opponents.

For all their pressure, they were able to create only two clearcut chances, one in each half, and towards the end were reduced to bickering among themselves.

The German's best opportunities came in the final minute of the first half when Zaki made an astonishing reflex save from Rummenigge after a cross from Allofs had eluded the defence and found him unmarked at the far post.

Their second clear opening came in the 87th minute when Allofs cut in from the right and supplied Matthaeus with a chance to beat the impressive Moroccan goalkeeper from 15 metres.

His low drive was blocked as the powerful Zaki advanced and saved with his feet.

In reply, the Moroccans were generally content to rely on occasional breakaways usually spearheaded by Abdela-



Spectacular ... but West Germany's Karl-Helinz Rummenigge was not on target with this shot against Morocco in Monterrey.

ziz Bouderbala.

But these came to very little and their best shooting opportunities were at from free-kicks around the penalty box which were wantonly fired over the bar on three occasions by the normally immaculate Mohamed Timoumi.

West Germany beat Morocco 1-0 (halftime 0-0). West Germany: Lothar Matthaeus (88th min).

Attendance: 19,800.

WEST GERMANY: Toni Schumacher, Dittmar Jakobs, Karlheinz Foerster, Norbert Eder, Thomas Berthold, Lothar Matthaeus, Flex

Magath, Hans-Peter Briegel, Karl-Helinz Rummenigge, Rudi Voeller (Pierre Littbarski 46th min), Klaus Allofs.

MOROCCO: Baddou Zaki, Khalifa Labd, Lehen Ouaddani, Abdelmajid Lemris, Nouredine Bouyahyaoui, Abdelmajid Dolmy, Mustapha Haddaoui, Abdelaziz Bouderbala, Mohamed Timoumi, Abderrazak Khairi, Krimau Merry. REFEREE: Zoran Petrovic (Yugoslavia).



On the stretcher GARY LINEKER holds his throat in agony after being elbowed by Paraguayan defender Torales. The incensed English trainer waves away any consoling Paraguayans.

ENGLAND TROUNCE PARAGUAY

ENGLAND's 3-0 victory over Paraguay at the Estadio Azteca alerted Mexico that they would from now on be a definite threat for the Cup.

Led ever so gallantly by captain Peter Shilton, who personally had an outstanding match, England could be more than just an opponent for Argentina in the quarter finals.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Despite taking the field without regular midfielders Ray Wilkins

and Bryan Robson, England's quartet link-line of Trevor Stevens, Glenn Hoddle, Peter Reid and Steve Hodge proved to be highly efficient.

Everton's crack goal-snapper, Gary Lineker, was again amongst the goals. He nailed two of the three targets to lift him to equal top goalscorer in Mexico with Spain's deadly

Emilio Butragueno.

Glenn Hoddle and Peter Beardsley also had wonderful games for England with their high work-rate and excellent vision.

But it was Paraguay who in fact were the first to attack strongly when in the 11th minute Mendoza fired a shot in from the left of the box which

Their giant blond, lethal striker Preben Elkjaer, currently with Italian side Verona, with some luck could have had a hat-trick within the first 40 minutes.

Elkjaer, normally ever-reliable, failed to hit the target with all his chances. With monotonous regularity he ripped Spain's defence lines to pieces but just could not finish off with a goal.

As early as the 13th minute, Denmark threatened through Elkjaer's left-footed drive that screamed inches past Spain's left post.

The powerful Danes with superior physical strength, repeatedly burst through Spain's tackles to get into the box but never hit the target.

Spain's captain, Comacho, pushed from defence upfield to let fly from a sharp angle with an thunderbolt that was well saved by Denmark's goalkeeper, Hoegh.

Denmark's powerful forward raids were methodically absorbed by the well organised Spanish armada until the 32nd minute when Gallego fouled Bergeen inside Spain's penalty area. Dutch referee, Jan Keizer, was left with no alternative but to award the Danes a penalty.

Manchester United's Jesper Olsen, brilliantly as well as casually sent Spain's goalkeeper Zubizarreta the wrong way to put Denmark ahead 1 nil.

Three minutes later, Spain speculated through Julio Alberto but his final shot would have only done the Sydney Swans justice.

Four minutes from the break, the Great Danes' powerful, twin-strike-force of Laudrup and Elkjaer, combined

to work a one-two before Elkjaer's final shot flew wide of the target.

But then Lady Luck smiled on the Spanish

sailors just two minutes before halftime, as it flew wide of the target.

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FRANCE ELIMINATES ITALY AS PLATINI FINDS HIS TOUCH

MEXICO CITY: And they said he was finished! Michel Platini, the elegant Frenchman, once again proved the cynics wrong with an awesome display to help France to beat title-holder Italy 2-0 in a second round match.

The master assassin, as he is now being labelled, put France on course for victory in the Olympic Stadium with a 15th-minute goal which will long be remembered.

When Yannick Stopyra netted the second in the 57th minute it signalled the end for Italy and put France on course for a gripping semi final encounter against Brazil in Guadalajara.

It was a sad exit for Italy, but, like true champions, they took the defeat on the chin.

The Italians fielded five members of the side which beat West Germany in the 1982 World Cup final but this team was a shadow of the incisive Azzurris who overcame all in Spain.

For Italian coach Enzo Bearzot the World Cup journey began on "a suffering road" and ended up a blind alley.

Coaches are often quick to condemn players for defeats but Bearzot, one of the game's gentlemen, was quite prepared to accept all the blame.

"I absolve all my players and staff of any sin,"

he said, "They tried their best and any mistakes were mine. After 40 years of sport I am used to victories and defeats and have learned to accept both."

French coach Henri Michel could not hide his delight, although he accepted victory graciously.

"We are honoured to have beaten the champions," he said, "This is very important because France had not beaten Italy in a competitive tournament match since 1920."

The win was only the fifth for France in 28 meetings with the Italians and its only triumph in their three World Cup clashes.

"We feared Italy because in competition it is always difficult to beat. I managed to take the inferiority complexes out of the players and convince them of their own qualities," Michel said.

France, served magnificently by a midfield who are without peer in the world, made Italy look an ordinary team short of constructive ideas.

And, the leader was

Platini. He dealt what proved a decisive blow a quarter of an hour into the game with a nonchalant goal. Only he can make the difficult look deceptively simple.

Luis Fernandez, a lion-hearted player who toiled tirelessly under the blistering sun, made the crucial break, surging forward from midfield and passing to Dominique Rocheteau, who slipped the ball to Platini on his right.

Platini rounded a defender and slotted his shot with cool precision past advancing goalkeeper Giovanni Galli into the far corner of the net.

Italy seldom troubled a French defence which was looking stronger now even than it did in the 1984 European championship triumph on home French soil.

France put the game beyond Italy's reach with their second strike in the 57th minute.

Jean Tigana burst through the Italian defence before turning the ball inside to Rocheteau, who weathered the attention of his marker and again laid

on the telling pass, this time to Stopyra who thrashed the ball home.

France beat Italy 2-0 (halftime 1-0). France: Michel Platini (15th min), Yannick Stopyra (57th min).

Attendance: 71,449.

FRANCE: Joel Bats, William Ayache, Maxime Bossis, Patrick Battiston, Manuel Amoros, Luis Fernandez (Thierry Tusseau 74th min), Jean Tigana, Alain Giresse, Michel Platini (Jean Marc Ferreri 85th min), Dominique Rocheteau, Yannick Stopyra.

ITALY: Giovanni Galli, Giuseppe Bergomi, Pietro Vierchowod, Gaetano Scirea, Antonio Cabrini, Giuseppe Baresi (Antonio di Genaro 46th min), Salvatore Bagni, Fernando de Napoli, Bruno Conti, Sandro Altobelli, Giuseppe Galderisi (Gianluca Vialli 58th min).

REFEREE: Carlos Esposito (Argentina).

BELOW, Michel Platini turns and raises his arm after scoring against Italy.



THE ARGENTINIANS OVERTHROW TIMID URUGUAYAN SIDE

PUEBLA: Diego Maradona put the horrors of the 1982 World Cup finals behind him and gave a reminder why he is regarded as the world's greatest Soccer superstar when he inspired Argentina to a 1-0 win over Uruguay in a second round match.

It was vintage Maradona as he virtually pulled all the strings which got Argentina over the Uruguayan obstacle.

Admittedly, he did not score a goal, but he came so close many times and his influence on the outcome was undoubted.

Argentine strike rPedro Pasculli gave his country their winning margin with a well-taken

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BRAZIL POLEAXES POLES BUT TIMING IS ASTRAY

BRAZIL gave most uncharacteristic display of football to score a crushing 4 nil victory over Poland in their Stage 2 clash at the Estadio Jalisco, Guadalajara.

The goals were brilliant but the football was rubbish — that is by their high Brazilian standards.

Despite overseas reports coming into Australia mirroring the match as...

"Brazil showed scintillating form to crush Poland", again I repeat that the football the Brazilians played, was rubbish.

Rubbish because all their timing was astray. Rubbish because most of the time they

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

failed to get people at the end of their crosses.

Rubbish because both long and short balls never found their intended receiver.

And rubbish because of the complete breakdown of cohesion between all of their lines.

Their midfielders were well below par to say the least.

Main culprits here were the Brazilian skip-

per, Socrates, and the normally fabulous Junior.

Age has slowly started to affect both their timing and understandably their pace.

So what saved Brazil?

Two penalties and two goals by their outside backs.

In the very first minute Poland's Tarasiewicz hit the post from 22 metres out.

In the 21st minute Poland's Karas hit the cross-bar with a 25 metre drive.

But then Brazil hit back in the 30th minute from a penalty, the first of two.

Striker Carecas was fouled in the box and the German referee Roth immediately pointed to the spot.

Socrates scored with an arrogant, lackadaisical lifting shot that barely sneaked under the crossbar.

Brazil's second goal

came eight minutes after the break through that man, Josimar.

Josimar, who scored that magnificent "bomb" against Northern Ireland whilst playing his first match for Brazil, followed it up with an even more sensational goal in this his second game for Brazil.

The 19 year old from Botafogo Juniors, dribbled down the right side, beating four defenders plus the goalkeeper. From an impossible angle, almost on the by-line, he smashed a vicious shot that screamed into the top left corner of Poland's goal.

Boniek, Poland's superstar, quiet for most of the match, erupted in the 67th minute when he unleashed a spectacular overhead scissors shot from the edge of the box which flashed just past the right post.

This shot deserved a goal.

Brazil's left-back, the hard working Edinho, raided down the flank in the 78th minute.

Edinho dragged the ball with his left foot around the goalkeeper and a defender before smashing a violent right-footed 10 metre drive into the Poles' net for Brazil's third goal.

The 80th minute saw Brazil gain their second penalty when substitute Zico could not get past the goalkeeper just inside the box. The goalkeeper reached out and tripped Zico for the foul.

Careca's penalty hit

screamed in off the left post.

The goals were all there but the old magic of Brazil was not.

Just on the showing of this match, Brazil in essence has no longer got the power, or the mobility to win the World

Cup.
BRAZIL: Carlos: Edinho, Junior, Muller, Careca, Josimar, Cesar, Alemeo, Branco, Socrates (Zico 69th), Elzo.

POLAND: Mlynarczyk: Przybys, Ostrowski, Wojcicki, Tarasiewicz, Urban, Karas, Majewski, Smulerek, Boniek, Dziek.

REFEREE: Roth (West Germany).



DIJO ELZO of Brazil beats JAN KARAS of Poland.

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ASW'S JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

FIFA SHOULD FINE FERGIE TOO

IF FIFA was to be consistent for the first time in its life, it should have followed its \$15,000 fine on Uruguay with an even bigger one on Scottish manager Alex Ferguson.

And for good measure similar fines on journalists responsible for reports after the Uruguay-Scotland World Cup match.

I am not South American but thankfully count many South Americans among my life-time friends and associates.

The mind boggles at just how they felt after the publication of such articles which are in the lowest of taste — as well as totally incorrect.

A sample . . . "The World Cup is a jungle terrorised by South Americans who contradict everything the game should be all about according to some of the Scotland players" the article kicks off.

"Uruguay are a bunch of animals and they contradict everything that's bad in the game" said Scottish boss Alex Ferguson.

"If this is what the World Cup is about, I'm glad we are going home — this is not sport" continues Ferguson.

Which is all great stuff.

Firstly Ferguson's beef is with Uruguay and we'll come to that later. But to put all South Americans (a continent of some 14 nations as different as Scotland is to Denmark or Greece, even though they are all Europeans)

in the one basket is totally unfair to other South American nations.

"They contradict everything the game should all be about" would be seriously challenged by the many admirers of South American football.

Brasil, Argentina, even semi professional Paraguay and certainly Uruguay, unfairly restricted for 89 minutes of the Scotland match to ten men, showed most of the other nations how the game should be played.

There were no Socrates, Josimars, Maradonas, Romeros, Cabanas, Burruchagas or Francescolis in Ferguson's team much to the disgust of the many Scottish fans in Australia.

Ferguson would have us believe that the Aitkens of world football are what the game is all about when the sad fact is that Scotland without Kenny Dalglish is just a team.

"Uruguay are a bunch of animals" speaks for itself and should have brought Ferguson a hefty fine from FIFA.

But back to the Uruguay match and quite frankly I can't see what all the fuss is about.

Uruguay had a player sent off in the first minute for a foul which

was certainly no worse than a thousand other unpenalised (even with a yellow card) fouls we had already seen in the tournament.

A large majority of those fouls were against South American countries. In general Brazil and Argentina and in particular Maradona and Careca.

Uruguay, unfairly reduced to ten men, outplayed and out-thought a disappointing Scotland which was devoid of individual or collective skills as well as team tactics.

This was the fault, not of Uruguay, but of Ferguson himself who angered Australian Scots with his team selections, wholesale changes and obviously a lack of tactical advice at half time to the Scottish team.

For me his degrading remarks after the game were merely aimed at taking the heat off himself.

The media men who picked up the comments then carried the ball to the world, completely neglecting to give the exact reason why ten man Uruguay gave eleven man Scotland a tactical and technical football lesson.

And that was that Ferguson was a major reason for the Scots downfall, not the "animals" of Uruguay.



Diego Maradona — 'Animal'?

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keep the Germans out.

But in the 66th minute the referee gave a red card to West Germany's Thomas Berthold for a nasty foul on Mexico's Fernando Quirarte.

Mexico with one extra man now came forward.

They bombarded the German goals with shots in the last 15 minutes but Schumacher stood his ground.

With normal time finishing scoreless extra time was played.

Ten minutes into extra time, referee Diaz flashed the red card for the second time in this match. This time to Mexico's Javier Aguirre for a foul on a German player.

Two minutes from the end, West Germany's veteran striker, Hoeness, missed a glorious opportunity with a strong header from in front that went wide of the target.

West Germany won the penalty shoot-out in the following manner:

Allofs goal, Negrete goal, Brehme goal, Quirarte miss, Matthaus goal, Servin miss, Liittbarski goal.

WEST GERMANY: Schumacher, Matthaus, Jakobs, Breigel, Eder (Liittbarski 115th min), Berthold (sent off 66th min), Foerster, Brehme, Magath, Allofs, Rummenigge (Hoeness 58th min).

MEXICO: Larios, Servin, Cruz, Quirarte (sent off 100th min), Aguirre, Munoz, Amador (F Cruz 69th min), Negrete, Boy (de Los Cobos 32nd min), Sanchez, Espana.

REFEREE: Jesus Diaz.



JOHNNY WARREN says Alex Ferguson was wrong to blast Uruguay



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CHIT CHAT — Behind the scene at your club

A big question being asked in Northern NSW Soccer is, "Will top grade Soccer come to Stockton in 1987?" The club from over the Hunter River is setting a real hot pace and some are suggesting that they should be preparing now for their First Division entry next year.

Their goal scoring machine, Doug Elphick has been a nightmare on all goalkeepers and with the addition of Les True and Terry O'Reilly to the front runners the club's place in the top division is predictable.

ST LEONARDS Rovers, originally known as Launceston Rovers, will be holding their 21st anniversary on August 16.

The club, which plays in the local Northern Tasmanian Soccer Association's competition in Launceston, expects to have some 300 past and present members attending their function.

Any past members can obtain information by phoning: 03 44 7309.

IT is perhaps interesting to find that only two people on the Blacktown City team staff are smokers. They are first team manager Neil Cook and youth team manager Len Dawson. None of the players nor any of the coaches smoked. It would seem that the "pressures" on the modern team manager are greater than those on the coaches and players.

"THE minnows sank the whale after being dismissed as sardines." These words ably summed up the result of the recent clash between Newcastle Croatia and Marks Point.

The rich, in talent and finance, Croatian side has bought top players in their bid to rise out of Fifth Division, felt their first taste of defeat for the season.

True, Croatia had the better of play but the rock like defence of Marks Point held on, and a neat goal from Gary Murrell made the difference. Marks Point is a tiny suburb tucked away just south of Belmont.

HERE's a classic — care of 'The Examiner' newspaper, Launceston. "The enthusiasm of young Soccer players at the Tasmanian Junior Soccer Championships held in Launceston could not be faulted, even if the players lacked some of the finer skills."

A North-West goalkeeper, resplendent in gloves, cap and green guernsey, looked as if he should have been playing in Mexico rather than Tasmania.

But after a couple of brilliant saves, he made the kind of mistake all keepers dread — the ball went through his legs and into the back of the net."

BLACKTOWN CITY's long-serving John Alera has recently been re-appointed to the club's board of directors. John, who knows more about the club than anyone is also the club's official historian. His collection of scrap books is often used to settle arguments and is the envy of many older and better known clubs.

In a recent letter from his old friend Steven Tan, the executive secretary of the Singapore football association, John learned that he is to be honoured at the official dinner of the Merlion Cup Tournament. John is thrilled and can hardly wait for August to come around.

The nations competing in the cup from August 24 to September 7 are Yugoslavia, Canada, North Korea, South Korea, Thailand, PR China and Singapore. The Australian Olympic team as well as Saudi Arabia and Japan may also participate.

To have an Australian club official honoured among such distinguished company is surely a first and John is to be congratulated.

ENGLAND striker Mark Hateley received a stiff warning from the FIFA disciplinary board saying if he continued with the rough play he demonstrated against Morocco stern action will be taken against him.

Blimey, Hateley can't get in any trouble sitting in the stand which is where he has been after his performances against Portugal and Morocco.

SCOTTISH team manager Alex Ferguson said after his team lost to West Germany that the Scots cut their own throats by not retaining possession of the ball.

There were a lot of Scottish fans who were ready to cut their throats after Scotland's performances in Mexico — our own Tom Anderson included.

WHICH reminds us of another goalkeeper story ...

During the recent Georgetown v Western Suburbs Northern Tasmanian State League game, a penalty was awarded to the 'Town.

Being eight or nine goals up, coach Peter Sawdon, trying to give everyone in the team a chance to get on the scoresheet, motioned his keeper to come up and convert the spot-kick.

However, he failed as his shot sailed wide of the mark.

Ironically, he was given the same opportunity against the same team last year. On that occasion he did score.

Who wants to be a goalie ... sometimes?!

JOE SENKALSKI, in control for Newcastle.



OPPOSING teams may find Newcastle Rosebud United a little easier to deal with in the next couple of weeks due to the enforced absence of Joe Senkowski.

The former Australian representative midfielder will be on the sideline for at least another two weeks as the result of an injury he received while playing in his 200th National League game on May 4.

Senkowski injured his left foot in the match against Canberra City at Bruce Stadium. He played in some discomfort in the next match in which Wollongong City defeated Rosebuds 1-0 at the Adamstown Sports Ground, but has not taken the field since.

"I've tried to resume playing, but find it difficult to turn or put any weight on the foot," he said.

"I've been having physiotherapy and doing some loose running, but the injury is improving only slowly."

"I don't expect to be available for about another two weeks."

Like most top-line footballers, Senkowski has had his share of injuries, not the least of which occurred in 1981.

Chosen in Rudi Guttendorf's Australian team that made a pre-1982 World Cup tour to China, he left with a slight hamstring strain.

But the injury worsened when he began training in China and he was forced to return home without playing a game.

Senkowski began his senior career at the age of 16 with Adamstown Rosebud in the Northern NSW First Division.

He subsequently recorded his 200 National League appearances with Sydney Olympic, Newcastle KB United and currently Newcastle Rosebud United.

COLIN McADAM, the former Glasgow Rangers player who had a controversial short stint with Adelaide City last season, has been offered a new contract by Scottish Premier League club Hearts.

He signed for them after he and City parted company on strained terms, and proved a "super sub" for Hearts last season when the club failed to win the League title and Scottish Cup at the last grasp.

BRIAN NORTHCOPE, Adelaide City's strongman midfielder who was ruled out for the season with an Achilles tendon, injury is on the way back.

He is aiming to be fit to play in the Top Five competition at the end of the season — presuming City is still among the leaders in the Southern League.

URUGUAYAN coach Omar Borrás was struck down with 'Montezuma's Revenge' and the much maligned mentor was in a bad way at the South American team headquarters.

BLACKTOWN CITY coach Casey de Bruin was delighted with the display of his new midfielder Paul Kay in his first full game for the club. Casey reckoned that he had a splendid opener and moreover he was impressed by the fact that Paul had carried out instructions all the way. Kay, an Australian Youth International, had a spell with home club Wollongong City before joining his recent club, Sydney City. In addition he made quite an impression with English club Charlton Athletic until a change in manager saw his blossoming career go by the board.

ON his recent return to Brisbane, Heidelberg and former stopper Alan Hunter told the media the big difference between Queensland and Victorian football was the professionalism.

"In Melbourne it's always happening. You don't dare let up because there's always someone waiting to take your place," he said.

Hunter said he had settled well in Melbourne and while delighted with his Soccer training squad selection, he wasn't going over the moon — just yet.

"But I want to wear that green and gold so I will be giving everything in the training camps to make sure I get picked in the final squad," he said.

SPEAKING of Queensland and Alan Vessey, one wonders whether they have thought of an Interstate match against Northern NSW. A match between the two states with players drawn from the Queensland State League and the Northern NSW State First Division could be most rewarding.

It is worth a try.

UP in Northern NSW State First Division after many years in obscurity the Wallend Red Devils are finding the going pretty tough. They are sitting on the bottom of the competition ladder on four points. Coach Bruce Tracey ...

DAVID CURTIS, the one-time Ku-ring-gai goalkeeper, is excelling this year with Blacktown City. There are few goalkeepers going around who can so completely dominate the ball in the air and he particularly expert in pulling those crosses out of the air.

WHAT happens when your back-up defender is also sidelined. That is a question that Sydney Olympic coach Manfred Schaefer is entitled to ask because of the absence of Andy Stankovic, who damaged his knee ligaments in the Marconi match at Pratten Park. Stankovic, incidentally, is a Wallend boy born and bred even though both his parents came from overseas. He travels down to Sydney for all Sydney Olympic's training sessions from his home in the Newcastle suburb of Edgeworth.

WHILE SA's State team is struggling to get a game against any of the other States, it could land an "international" match in September.

Australian Soccer Federation secretary, Mr Brian Emery, rang SA from Mexico City offering a match against the Malaysian national team.

SA will accept the game if the terms and time suit.

WE'VE heard it all now. Uruguayan coach Omar Borrás claims the heat at Netza when Denmark thrashed his side 6-1, helped the Danes and went against his side. Somebody should give Senor Borrás an atlas. The Danes come from the ice and snow — not the Sahara Desert.

LAST year ASW reported on the great work being done by Northern NSW historian Harry Hetherington. He is compiling a book on the history of Soccer in the state.

Harry has an enormous collection of documents and photographs going back to the 1880s. Naturally his work covers NSW up to the mid fifties when the breakaway unceremoniously dumped the Northern part of the state. Northern NSW history is pretty well exclusively recorded from then on.

Harry has received little financial support for this mammoth task but the completed tome will be worth its weight in gold.

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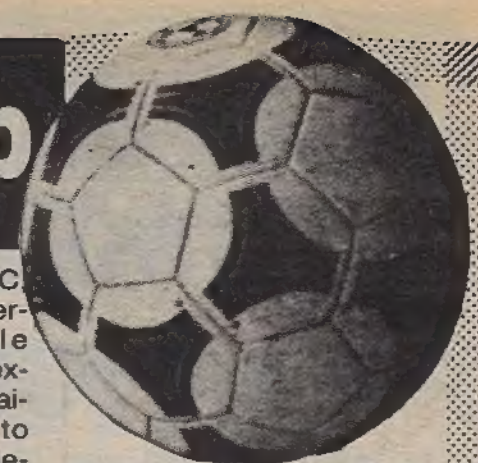


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ENGLISHMAN Bob Mountford has moved from Lake Macquarie City to Adamstown Rosebuds. Bob has played NSL football with teams from Newcastle, Brisbane and Sydney.

HIT CHAT — Behind the scene at your club



IT's all over. Soccerroo striker David Mitchell will NOT play in AUSTRALIA this year, despite negotiations with his West German club Eintracht.

SA State league team Campbelltown were optimistic they could sign the big front runner for a guest stint if they could put up enough insurance money.

However, Eintracht have now decided to ban all its players from guesting because they had so many injuries last season.

"Mitch" will now complete a holiday in Scotland and return to Germany, after the World Cup, to start training.

He made one appearance as a sub and three full games towards the end of last season after a groin operation, and is confident he can find a permanent place in the team.

QUOTE from commentator Jimmy Hill during the Uruguay-Argentina World Cup match when things became a bit rough, and the referee gave a free kick.

"This isn't a game for girls."

Annette Gallagher, of Woonona, wouldn't agree as she thinks it is.

Annette is goalkeeper with the Woonona women's team in the Illawarra league and has found a way to improve her game.

She makes regular appearances at the Wollongong City training sessions near her home and the Wolves bombard her with shots.

"They certainly hit the ball harder than I am used to but it is great training for me and I appreciate them letting me come along," the 23-year-old goalkeeper said.

PICTURED below are the Italian and English sides prior to a match in the Estadio Azteca in Mexico last year.

The players gave a minutes silence together for the deceased from the fateful Juventus-Liverpool European Cup Final in Brussels.

The Italians idealistically are now mourning the 'death' of their national squad. Their performance in the World Cup left a lot to be desired, there was no heart, spirit or commitment especially in the drubbing at the hands of the French and Michel Platini.

Such is the ignominy of the defeat that the Italians en route home went via the passive city of Milan rather than the seething capital Rome.

Along with this comes the retirement from international football by Alessandro Altobelli, possibly joined by manager Enzo Bearzot and others like Gaetano Scirea, the captain.

Even now the Italian FA has launched an inquest into the failure in Mexico. The tri-colour flag has been well and truly lowered.

SOCCER in Northern NSW is the poorer following the recent death of Highfields Azzurri's "Mr Magic Hands" Claude Sharp.

Claude, who was 78, was able to perform miracles on the injured players in the club. As state director Alan Tredinnick said recently, "a masseur can be replaced but Claude Sharp is irreplaceable."

Claude was once a curator at Waratah Oval, a rugby league ground and he became interested in Soccer when the school adjoining the oval, Waratah High started playing Tasman Cup games there.

It didn't take long before this former star rugby league player threw his lot in with Soccer and the Highfields club were quick to recruit his services. He remained a loyal member.



THE Canadians reckon they have some of the finest indoor Soccer players in the world.

Pity this series wasn't played indoors as some of their players looked completely lost outdoors, although the Canadians put in big efforts and were full of heart which is more than can be said for some of the other high and mighty teams.

A DRUNKEN Scottish supporter was nearly lynched after the clash between Scotland and West Germany in Queretaro.

This Highland 'Hooch swallower' was very much worse for wear after consuming too much of the local tequila when he fronted up to six giant Germans in a local bar and started serenading them with the Dads Army TV theme 'Hey Mr Hitler etc etc.'

He was only saved when his mate arrived on the scene and pacified the German gentlemen by exchanging his Scottish World Cup tee-shirt with one of them.

BRIAN McLAUGHLIN, Adelaide Hellas' Scottish import, left for Scotland last week — but could be back next season.

Before flying out he had offers from State league club Beograd and national league teams Green Gully and George Cross in Melbourne.

He could not accept any of them as his visa tied him to Hellas, and when they terminated his contract he had to leave the country.

"I will play again in the UK and I may return to Australia next year," he said.

"Next time I hope things will work out."

THE Northern NSW Coaches Federation is going from strength to strength. Their last meeting had an attendance of 26 members covering all levels. Bill Pryce had his Newcastle under 13 side there which gave Instructor Les Bee greater flexibility for practical demonstration.

Films on Dutch coaching methods were well received. Former NSL coach Willie Gallagher reported that an excellent clinic was held at the country town of Narrabri where John Georgeff led out.

Coaching in Northern NSW is at a very high level of efficiency and their administration could quite easily be adopted as a pattern for other states to follow.

It is interesting to note that in Newcastle there are three men who hold the Level Four Coaches Certificate as determined by the Australian Soccer Federation. They are, State Director of Coaching Ken Kaiser, Paul Keogh and Les Bee.

AT a team meeting Belgium's Vandereycken complained bitterly. He claimed the main reason for their opening defeat of the series against Mexico at the Aztec stadium was because his two midfield compatriots Enzo Scifo and Frankie Vercauteren were not doing their share of the work off the ball. He said all the running and hard graft was left to him.

Vercauteren and Scifo are also Vandereycken's teammates at leading Belgium club Anderlecht!

But coach Thys would have none of it and said Scifo and Vercauteren were playing to his orders. From all reports, the argument became so heated Thys told Vandereycken he could pack his bags and go.

A very angry Vandereycken did just that and it was only a last minute change of mind by Thys that kept the midfielder in Mexico long enough to resolve the situation.

SYDNEY CITY has once again proved that it is not behind the door when it comes to securing young talent. The Slickers were quick to pounce and sign two of the best young prospects in the country in Alastair Edwards and David Shute. Edwards is the striker from Perth who helped Western Australia to collect the Australian Youth Championship from under the nose of the NSW team. Sydney City was not the only club to show a distinct interest in him. David Shute is a very fluid midfielder who has come through the ranks of NSW State League club Penrith City.

DOM KAPETANOVIC in charge at Canterbury Marrickville Olympic, has been exasperated by the failure of the club to secure a central defender whom he reckons is needed to give more quality to the defence. The back four was very bare when George Haniotis received his dismissal in the Croatia game.

OFFICIAL John Moscovits reports that the final of the under 15 schools Oak Turner Cup series has been set down for Melita Stadium, South Granville on Monday night July 28 under floodlights. Put that one in your diary for a top night of the best of schoolboy football. School teams drawn from all over NSW compete in the series, which is being sponsored for the first time by the big Oak dairy products company.

HOW sad it was to read our own ASW Editorial for June 17, and find there, a glaring inaccuracy.

It stated that only the state of Western Australia persevered with the three points for a win system. How wrong. Northern NSW is still using the system with great success.

In addition the Directors have been using the 2.30pm kick-off time for most of the reasons quoted in the Editorial.

Lets face it, Northern NSW is the state of progress.

QUEENSLAND Soccer wit Eric Thompson raised a few chuckles when writing in his weekly column recently. He said the one thing he had learned from the World Cup was "under no circumstances play Uruguay".

"I wear shinpads when I watch them on the TV," he wrote.

Thompson went on to say that national coach Frank Arok's real reason in going to Mexico was to arrange a Soccerroo selection trial match between Uruguay and Queensland. That way, Thompson wrote, by halftime Arok wouldn't have to worry about adding any Queenslanders to his national squad. According to Thompson, there wouldn't be any left.

THE Queensland Soccer Federation is understood to be busily negotiating a number of matches for its Maroons in the wake of their 1-0 win over NSW at Perry Park recently. It is known already that Fiji will tour the Sunshine State next year and approaches have been made to an Auckland team.

But QSF secretary Alan Vessey tells us there's quite a few more irons in the fire.

WOLLONGONG CITY midfielder Willie Murray has really been in the wars this season.

Against Leichhardt he was subjected to some brutal tackles without any real assistance from the referee.

He eventually had to be helped from the field with a badly gashed ankle.

Against Canberra City at Bruce Stadium, the little man again didn't see out the 90 minutes and ended up having a night in Canberra Hospital.

It wasn't anywhere near as bad as the treatment he received at Lambert Park, but Murray wet down in a tackle from former Sydney City team-mate Jim Cant and dislocated his elbow.

He was in a lot of pain before doctors were able to put the elbow back under general anaesthetic.

The problem now is he will be out of the Wolves side for at least a month and is sporting a plaster on the arm.

IMMIGRATION PROBLEM?

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From left Mark Hateley, Bruno Conti, Trevor Francis, Pietro Vierchowod, Mark Wright and Salvatore Bagini.

OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE ROUND UP

OLYMPIC'S SUPER GOALS

STUART Johnston and Chris Kalantzis won't score the like of the goals they collected in the 3-1 win over Blacktown City at Gabbie Stadium again in a whole month of Sundays.

These goals propelled Olympic two ahead at the break and caused the Demons to come forward to close the gap in a manner that proved beyond them.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

Johnston's goal arrived when least expected. In tentacle style he raced in on a bouncing ball well wide on the right.

His strong 17th minute shot to the far side of goal caught David Curtis napping - but in fact it would have taken a Peter Shilton to keep the ball out.

Curtis still had not recovered from that freak hit when Marshall

Soper loped confidently along the left touch line.

Over came a long curling cross and Kalantzis tried a sideways bicycle kick which bounced into goal.

In the early play Blacktown midfielder Paul Kay, his team's best along with left back Steve Knight, had snapped his shot onto the post.

After the goals Blacktown unfortunately lost stopper Don McLeod with an ankle injury. The ankle ballooned up and a break is a distinct possibility.

After the game Olympic coach Manfred Schaefer quoted his team's play as "the first

occasion on which we have really looked like the leaders."

A lot of the credit must go to midfielder Vicente Estavillo, whose form was nothing short of dazzling.

Estavillo, with a knock on the ankle, was replaced in the second half by Simon Brandt and Terry Patalis, celebrating his late clearance by the Australian Soccer Federation, had a run in place of Manuel Spanoudakis.

Blacktown could be excused if they had criticised referee Bob Davies for his decision in favour of Marshall Soper, who made a prodigious dive after Curtis had whipped the ball away from his feet.

Davies otherwise had a very competent game, and incidentally Gary Phillips had no trouble in scoring from the penalty spot.

With five minutes remaining Steve Knight and Joe Carroll put Kay through for Blacktown's goal.

Kay had already done enough to show that the change of clubs has done him a power of good.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Curtis, Willis, Knight, McLeod (Byrne 30), Ainsworth, Kay, Denyer, Sandy (Thornthwaite 77), Bradley, Carroll, Slater.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meler, Rogers, Spanoudakis (Patalis 70), Coady, Dakos, Johnston, Phillips, Estavillo (Brandt 77), Soper, Katsalos, Kalantzis.

REFEREE: R Davies.

CROWD: 2941.

HUNTER BACK TRIUMPHANT

ALAN Hunter made a triumphant return to Richlands when Heidelberg United beat Lions 2-0 at the weekend.

Hunter transferred south for \$16,000 earlier this year and was psyched for a big match against his old club. The big defender gave a competent performance and but for a fine Robbie Farrow save, nearly got on the score sheet.

Lions had gone into the match with a plan of trying to draw Hunter out of the middle and exploiting the spaces he left behind. But due to an uncompetitive Lions midfield, the tactic never got off the ground.

The home team, using a 4-4-2 formation failed to gain any momentum and Heidelberg were always in control.

Lions started well and should have scored first when fullback Bob McKimming missed an open goal after Danny Wright had crossed a fine ball. The significance of the miss became more obvious as the match wore on.

When they should have been one up, Lions soon found themselves a goal behind when Heidelberg's new English signing Paul Wilson broke from the half way and had too much speed for Lions last defender Frank Liddell. Wilson drew Farrow and put his shot in off the far upright.

LED by Argentine recruit Osvaldo El'Ali, Marconi defeated Canberra City 2-0 at the Marconi Stadium.

El'Ali was the dominant force on the field and easily outshone the other Latins in the match, Adrian Janin, Rene Colusso and Augusto Palacios.

BY FRANK COLETTA

Marconi made extremely heavy weather of the first half and didn't come alive until the introduction of internationals Rod Brown and Ian Gray after half-time as substitutes.

Through the creative work of Palacios, Canberra could have in fact hit the front on no less than three occasions.

The Peruvian ball-player was involved in

almost everything and his skills were a delight to watch.

But with Brown and Gray on the field, Marconi were at their devastating best and it was those two along with the flying El'Ali who made the first goal only two minutes into the second half.

Gray let loose with a long ball down the wing to the rampaging Brown. The red-headed striker zoomed down the touch-line and exploded into the area where he layed off a perfect pass for El'Ali. The Argentine then flicked the ball expertly into Brown's path and the finish from the striker was clinical, giving his

side the lead.

Marconi then went 2-0 ahead when El'Ali himself got onto the scorers list for his first OASL goal.

Another long, searching pass from Gray into the path of diminutive forward, David Lowe saw him race away on a fine dribbling run. His cut-back pass across goal was completely miskicked by Brown but El'Ali was on hand to ram the ball in and cap off a memorable performance by him.

Marconi's win may have been so much bigger had it not been for the brilliance and resilience of Canberra's goalkeeper Anthony Franken.

Such was the magnitude and esteem that his performance was held in that Franken continually earned the plaudits, ap-

plause and accolades of even the staunchest Marconi supporters, even when he was carried off with a knee injury three minutes from full-time.

A couple of interesting points to come out of the game. Terry Byrne replaced Franken between the sticks near the end and was never really tested and the refereeing, in fact the entire work of the officials left more than a lot to be desired with some five yellow cards being issued and so many incorrect decisions.

MARCONI: James, Carter (100th NSL game), Henderson, Wheatley, Sterrey, Mason, Tredinnick, Lowe, Janin (Gray 46), El'Ali, Colusso (Brown 46).

CANBERRA: Franken (Mihailidis 87), Cant, Dunn, Bryant (Junna 76), Byrne, Bourke, Sermanni, Palacios, Hamilton, Gibson, Phillips.

Crowd: 1229

Referee: R.Donau

LAMOND SPARKS GOAL BARRAGE

"WE'RE very pleased with Manis Lamond. He is a promising young player who is still learning the game," Sydney Croatia coach Vedrin Rozic said after his team's 4-0 win over Inter Monaro.

Monaro was probably wishing that Lamond had not learned so

much. He laid on the first two crucial goals - one for Graham Arnold, the other for Emil Dragicevic and generally gave the home defence a miserable afternoon.

Once again a collapse of concentration cost Monaro dear. After doing a reasonable job of holding second placed Croatia for three quarters of the game, it conceded three goals between the 77th and 83rd minutes.

Lamond began the rot in the 38th minute when he gathered the ball on the right, forced sweeper Ricky Budini to commit himself, then sent a cross onto the head of Arnold who scored from

close in.

Lamond was the instigator of Croatia's second half goal rush, this time getting round fullback Joe Gagettil and crossing for Dragicevic to head home.

And he was at it again a minute later, weaving through the defence, falling over and appealing for a penalty which Melbourne referee Jim Fokianos rejected.

It didn't really matter. Almost at once Croatia was awarded a free kick outside the area and Zarko Odzakovic bent the ball past the defensive wall and out of goalkeeper Nick Antonopoulos' reach.

Then it was Arnold, completing Monaro's

misery with his second of the game.

Monaro's best chance came early in the second half when the hard working Atillio Carbone sent a fine through ball to Steve Winn who headed just over.

Best for Croatia were Lamond, Arnold and Rozic who was calm and collected in a defence which rarely looked in any danger.

INTER MONARO: Antonopoulos, Gagettil, Walsh, Budini, Wotherpoon, Carbone, Willox (Tullawa 63), Winn, Trajanoski (Ambrosino 81), Tittias, Perinovic.

CROATIA: Watson, Jennings, Rozic, Savor, Rezo, Clinch, Odzakovic, Jurin (Dragicevic 58), Arnold, Basic, Lamond.

REFEREE: Jim Fokianos.

CROWD: 1423.



Canterbury's John Pettas and Apla's Jim Hristovski.

The Editor

After the first qualifying round of the World Cup in Mexico, only Brazil and Hungary could hold up their head with pride.

The reason is simple.

Of the 24 countries contesting the 1986 finals, Brazil and Hungary were the only teams which had not received a yellow card or had a player sent off.

Every nation had played three games, a total of 36 matches over 14 days when the eyes of the world, either in attendance at the matches or through the medium of television, were watching Soccer's greatest showpiece.

And yet, despite the pleadings and threats by FIFA before the tournament started to keep it clean and cool, and for referees to carry out their duty according to the laws of the game, there have been more incidents of fouls than good play.

How many people will remember some of the brilliant goals that have been scored and how many will remember the cynical fouls that have brutally chopped down players in full flight.

After the preliminary round, a total of six players had been sent off, another seven had been suspended for two yellow cards, and another 62 had received one yellow card.

From 36 matches, that works out at an average of just over two incidents per match in which the referee was forced to take stern disciplinary action.

But already there are complaints that the referees have not been strict enough in controlling breaches of play.

The wall infuriates spectators who see play delayed, the team committing the foul gaining advantage and no action apart from whistle blowing and hand waving to force the defenders back.

Apart from the opening match when the referee booked the nearest player when the wall did not retreat, it has been the same old situation of delay and the same scene of players running at the kicker before the kick has been taken.

Ten years ago, if a player pushed, jostled or laid his hands on the referee during the game he could expect a long suspension ranging from a year to life.

Nowadays, players run to argue with the referee, shout in his face, shake their fists and push him to make their point - without being booked!

What a turnaround where violence has become part of the game yet is constantly criticised by the people who make it possible.

If the showpiece of world Soccer beamed to an audience of billions reveals players getting away with "murder" on the field and against the referee, just imagine what effect it is having on the millions of impressionable youngsters involved or getting involved in the game.

Is it too late to restore some sanity to the game?

TWO OFF IN TOUGH DRAW

BY TOM MCKAIN

THE World Cup spilled over again into the National competition at Adelaide Olympic Sports Field when Adelaide City and Brunswick Juventus finished their game with 10 men apiece in a 0-0 draw.

Referee Rossis, a South Australian, despite a request from the Victorians for a "neutral" referee, flashed his yellow card three times and his red one twice in the second half as the teams battled to win this Italian derby.

The stand-off came within four minutes of each other so neither team could claim any real advantage.

The first was in the 66th minute when City's centreback Neville Flounders was despatched following a tackle on Joe Palatsides, then Mehmet Durakovic was wiped out when he tack-

led Joe Mullen.

But back to the game. City can thank teenage goalkeeper Steve Niscioli for their vital one point.

With both teams having a World Cup rub-off which saw them more intent on defence than attack, the 17-year-old custodian brought off two great saves.

He turned a shot from Paul Wade for a corner in the 36th minute then in the second period dived at the feet of Rob Cullen as he charged through for what looked a certain goal.

At the other end of the park Yakka Banovic

had little to do, but the chances were there for City with strikers Joe Mullen and Charlie Villani always a threat and Sergio Meita turning on some magic stuff from midfield.

When he broke clear of home centreback Flounders, Joe Sweeney looked dangerous and midfielder Wade was always a handful for City along with front runner Scott Patterson.

But over the whole piece it was obvious that both teams were expecting leaders Footscray to slip again - but they didn't.

And as far as City are concerned this weekend's match will be a make or break effort - they go in against Footscray after beating them 7-1 at home in the second round and will have to front up minus strong man Flounders.

Both team's officials were unhappy with referee Rossis but there seems little they can do about it and while they claim they should be allowed to request "neutral" whistlers, we understand that they have been appointed from the start of the season until the end and no changes are possible.

ADELAIDE CITY: Niscioli, Tobin (Shillabeer 71), Higgins, Flounders, Nyskohus, Santrac, Meita, Vidmar, Maxwell, Villani, Mullen.

JUVENTUS: Banovic, Palatsides, Durakovic, Brown, Yzen-dorn, Wade, Cullen, J Sweeney, Patterson, Campbell, Petersen.

REFEREE: J Rossis.

CROWD: 2152.

SAINTS JINX STAYS WITH NEWCASTLE

HOODOO or jinx - It was all the same to Newcastle after St George completed a 4-2 win in an interesting encounter at St George Stadium.

Newcastle has not beaten St George since it entered the National League but had its best chance in this clash after a dream start.

Striker Sean Ingham was on the spot to nod home the first goal in the second minute after a long throw by John Cavanah had been flicked on by Mark Jones in the area.

The Saints didn't take long to swing into action and there was very little similarity to the team which was thrashed 7-0 by Sydney City last week.

Roy Cotton lashed a sideways scissor kick in the 5th minute which crashed on to the left upright and ten minutes later Graham Fletcher snapped a shot to the far corner which Newcastle keeper Clint Gosling just managed to parry.

Cotton had a golden chance in the 24th minute but tried to place the ball with Gosling again getting a hand to it and Fletcher was wide again a few minutes later.

It was not all one-way. Ingham had a shot which was smothered by Mike Gibson and a Bobby Naumov 25m drive suffered the same fate.

The equaliser, in the 30th minute, started with an Ollerenshaw corner which Cavanah tried to clear but gave Fletcher an easy header.

One minute into the second half St George went ahead when Ollerenshaw scampered down the left and crossed to the unmarked Fletcher to make it 2-1.

Another minute later John O'Shea handled in the area and Mark Jones had his penalty stopped by Gibson but Jones put the rebound away.

Gibson spoiled shots by

Ralph Maier and Stuart Heap and Cavanah blocked another Fletcher try until Ross Milosevic handled in the 60th minute to give St George a penalty.

But coach Frank Arok hung his head as David Ratcliffe's shot was pushed away by Gosling.

St George finally got its act together when Pedro Ricoy appeared from nowhere to head home an Ollerenshaw corner and two minutes from time, the

tireless Cotton weaved through the defence to put the issue beyond doubt.

Arok said the return of Ratcliffe and team changes made the difference after last week's effort but still didn't think it was a big achievement to have only 11 points from a possible 22 at the halfway mark.

Newcastle played well and didn't deserve a 4-2 scoreline.

"If we could have got a goal when it was 2-2 we

might have won," said captain Ian Bannon.

"We got too adventurous in the second half, made two elementary mistakes and got punished when we exposed gaps in our defence."

ST GEORGE: Gibson, T Caban, Koczka (R O'Shea 45m), J O'Shea, Ratcliffe, M O'Shea, Ollerenshaw, Cotton, Porter, Ricoy, Fletcher (McKie 78m).

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Milosevic, Owens, Cavanah, Bannon, Naumov, Maier, Crabtree, Jones, Ingham, Heap.

REFEREE: Graham Widdell

CANTERBURY ALMOST GIVE IT AWAY AFTER FINE START

CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE OLYMPIC, after taking a 2-0 lead against Apia-Leichhardt at Arlington Oval with 37 minutes, almost blew it completely in the second half.

Canterbury's lanky, energetic Croatian midfielder, Petar Zrilic, opened his side's scoresheet as early as the sixth minute. Zrilic dispossessed Apia's full-back Mark Brown and scored with a firm 10 metre placed shot.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

In the 18th minute Apia had a glorious chance to level when referee Ken Small awarded them a penalty after Canterbury's Arthur Svinos pulled down Apia's new Scottish signing, striker Allan Turnbull in the box.

But Apia's reliable centre-back, Arno Bertogna, crashed his spot-shot onto the post and

hit the untouched rebound straight back into the net for Ken Small to correctly disallow a goal.

But five minutes later, Zrilic nailed his second goal of the match.

From a direct free-kick 18 metres out, he clipped over the top of Apia's wall and into the top left hand corner to roll over the scoreboard to 2-0 Canterbury.

Apia's midfield of Alex Bundalo, Tom Steven, Terry Butler and Edward Lorens took over the controls and created chances up front which rained in on Canterbury's Australian World Youth Championship goalkeeper, Chris Hummel.

In fact the second half could have been billed as "Hummel vs Apia".

The 65th minute saw Apia pull a goal back. Skipper, Terry Butler, crossed from the right flank inside to Lorens. Crowded, Lorens dummied to create space for himself before firing his drive into the far corner of the net.

With two minutes left on the clock, and Canterbury looking almost certain of both League points, Apia hit back

with the valuable equaliser.

Apia's free-back, Zviko Hristovski, played a one-two with substitute striker, Mark Koussas. Hristovski flicked the ball forward to his colleague defender Vic Bozanic who also had pressed forward into the box.

Bozanic firmly placed his shot past the stranded Hummel to grab a precious League point.

After the match, an understandably depressed Canterbury coach, Dom Kapetanovic, stated: "Still we are too inexperienced. My instructions were for everybody to hold back for the last 10 minutes, yet some of my players were up attacking. It was a fast game with good shots on goal and some great goalkeeping."

Apia coach's Rale Rasic, commented: "In the first half we were not on the field. The second half we should have had another three or four goals."

"It was Hummel against Apia."

CANTERBURY: Hummel; Svinos, Hantzis, Radman, Akoutas, Licata, Kelogeras, Godzik, Borges, Zrilic, Jabraiel (Karaapyras 78).

APIA-LEICHHARDT: Pezzano; Bozanic, Bertogna, Hristovski, Brown; Bundalo (Koussas 78), Steven (Stewart 60), Butler, Lorens; Baran, Turnbull.

REFEREE: K.Small.

CROWD: 1177.

NSL RESULTS

NORTHERN DIVISION

ST GEORGE 4 (G Fletcher 2, Ricoy, R Cotton) NEWCASTLE 2 (S Ingham, M Jones) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 663.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 (S Johnston, C Kalantzis, G Phillips) BLACKTOWN 1 (P Kay) at Toongabbie. Crowd: 2941.

CANTERBURY 2 (P Zrilic 2) drew with LEICHHARDT 2 (E Lorens, V Bozanic) at Arlington Oval. Crowd: 1177.

MARCONI 2 (R Brown, O El' Ali) CANBERRA 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 1229.

SYDNEY CROATIA 4 (G Arnold 2, E Dragicevic, Z Odzakov) MONARO 0 at Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 1500.

WOLLONGONG CITY 1 (P Kotamanidis) drew with SYDNEY CITY 1 (G Lee) at Wollongong Showground. Crowd: 1931.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

ADELAIDE HELLAS 2 (G Konstandopolos 2) MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (P Lewis) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 1000.

FOOTSCRAY 1 (O Latif) PRESTON 0 at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 5000.

BRISBANE CITY 2 (L Fabrizio, K Cooper) SUNSHINE 1 (N Mitten) at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 900.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 5 (C Egan 3, K Murphy, A Davidson) GREEN GULLY 0 at Middle Park. Crowd: 1200.

ADELAIDE CITY 0 drew with BRUNSWICK 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 3000.

HEIDELBERG 2 (P Wilson, C Lucchesi) BRISBANE LIONS 0 at Richlands Stadium. Crowd: 1174.

NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Olympic	5	6	—	23	11	16
Sydney Croatia	7	2	2	20	8	16
Wollongong	5	4	2	12	7	14
Marconi	5	3	3	18	13	13
Sydney City	5	3	2	22	13	12
Newcastle	3	5	3	15	17	11
Blacktown City	4	3	4	13	16	11
St George	4	3	4	15	19	11
Leichhardt	3	4	4	13	16	10
Canberra	2	4	5	9	13	8
Canterbury	2	3	6	13	19	7
Monaro	1	1	9	6	27	3

SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Footscray	8	1	2	18	16	17
Brunswick	6	3	2	18	4	15
Adelaide City	5	5	1	18	9	15
South Melbourne	6	1	4	16	9	13
Preston	5	3	3	13	7	13
H'berg	4	4	3	13	13	12
Sunshine	3	5	3	11	10	11
Brisbane Lions	3	2	6	11	12	8
Adelaide Hellas	4	—	7	11	17	8
Brisbane City	2	4	5	12	25	8
Melbourne Croatia	2	3	6	8	15	7
Green Gully	1	3	7	7	19	5

ANGRY COACH BLASTS REF

WOLLONGONG City coach John Fleming said referee Gary Power had cost his team a win over Sydney City with two controversial decisions at Wollongong Showground.

BY PHIL MURPHY

The teams finished level 1-1 all after the Wolves had midfielder Bryan Cokely sent from the field after 50 minutes.

Just when it seemed the depleted Wollongong side would hold out for a win Power awarded a disputed goal for Sydney City.

Grant Lee fired in a shot from 30 metres after cleared Wollongong had cleared an attack but when he struck the ball three of his team mates were offside.

Power awarded the goal after consulting with linesmen and said after the game he saw the three players in offside positions.

"I ruled they were not interfering with play because the goalkeeper had a clear view of what was happening," Power said.

"The players involved

were running as fast as they could to get back on-side".

Fleming said it was a situation where the penalty area was crowded and the players had to be considered involved in the play.

"It was an amazing decision and I really feel we were robbed of a point out there," Fleming said.

Cokely was sent off after a scuffle in which he allegedly struck Slickers striker John Kosmina.

Kosmina retaliated and Power showed his red card to Cokely and the yellow one to Kosmina.

Fleming claimed both players should have been sent off. "It is again a case of the big name clubs getting special treatment," he said.

Apart from all the controversy Wollongong scored their goal after 37 minutes with a gem of a

free kick from Peter Kotamanidis.

He sent a 20 metre curling and swerving shot past goalkeeper Alex McPherson.

Kosmina had his team's best chance before the controversial equaliser when he burst clear up the middle only to shoot straight at goalkeeper Warrick Young from 12 metres.

Murray Barnes was the pick of a Slickers side which looked to have little idea how to break down the powerful Wolves defence.

The team that beat St George 7-0 a week earlier looked very ordinary at times.

WOLLONGONG: Young, Green, Viletstra, Chilly, Morlando, Cokely, Arcoea, Gaffney, Kotamanidis, Brodnik (Batten 45), Giraldi.

SYDNEY CITY: McPherson, Robertson, O'Connor, De Marigny, Barnes, Watson, Gomez, Farina, Kosmina, Lee, Ohana.

REFEREE: Gary Power.

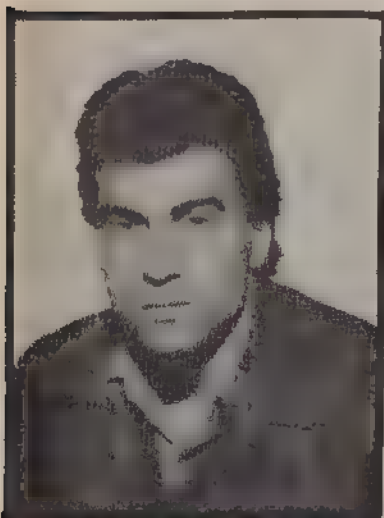
CROWD: 1839.



Petar Zrilic.

HELLAS COAST IN LOPSIDED WIN

IN a lopsided contest in Middle Park South Melbourne Hellas trounced Green Gully 5-0 in a match that highlighted the large gulf in skill that exists between bottom placed Gully and a championship contender in Hellas.



BY CARLO DEL PORTO

Hellas began the game without suspended midfielder star Danny Crainnie, but were keen to secure two points after an unimpressive start to the season. They were facing a struggling team in Green Gully who has picked up just 5 points from their first 10 games.

The first 15 minutes saw both sides content to play long balls out of defence in a bid to catch the opposition off guard. But the game lacked method although

Hellas were the more aggressive.

Hellas were breaking down where it mattered most in the first half hour, around the penalty box where its two front men Alan Davidson and Charlie Egan found themselves consistently trying a one-touch combination which wasn't quite coming off as desired.

Indeed, the first real chance of the game fell to Gully's Fraser in the 28th minute when a counter attack produced a slashing shot from the midfielder which was well parried by Hellas keeper Peter Laumets.

This near goal seemed to stir Hellas and they nearly scored five minutes later when a Richard Miranda pass found Carl Halford in the penalty box and he in turn calmly chipped Gully keeper Denny only to see the ball cleared off the line by fullback Stewart.

However, in the 37th minute a Postecoglou free kick was headed on

by Miranda and this time the dangerous Charlie Egan made no mistake with an easy put away at the back post to put Hellas one up.

Hellas were now pushing forward in a bid to gain a vital second break through before the half time interval and they were successful three minutes later when Miranda crossed an awkward ball which the Gully defence failed to clear and Kenny Murphy pounced to make it 2-0.

On the stroke of half time Green Gully should have pulled one back but lady luck was not with them when Fraser and George Campbell combined to set up the latter with two clear shooting chances which were both blocked magnificently by Hellas centre half Steve Blair.

After half time Hellas continued to attack and were desperate to finish off Gully with another goal while at the other end only little winger

Campbell provided any real problems with his speed and occasional flashes of brilliance.

Even though they were bombarding the goal Hellas could not capitalise on their dominance where it mattered most.

In the 72nd minute Halford found Egan with a great pass and he was unnecessarily brought down by substitute Ilhan. Egan took

the spot kick and put Hellas 3-0 up.

There was only one team in it at this point and it should have been 4-0 when Postecoglou smashed a shot against the cross bar in the 77th minute.

Five minutes later Egan capitalised on a woefully uncertain Gully defence and was once again brought down by two indiscriminate tackles, the second of which earned Hellas their second penalty in just 10 minutes.

To add further insult to injury the fleet-footed Egan was given the chance to gain his hat-trick and did just that, placing the ball wide of the hapless Denny.

And still Hellas pressed on against a team that was by this stage totally disorganised and demoralised.

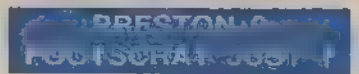


CHARLIE EGAN

Egan again pestered the Gully defence with a weaving run and found an unmarked Davidson who in turn made no mistake to beat Denny for the fifth time.

HELLAS: Laumets, Russell, Postecoglou, Blair, Halford, McDowell, Miranda, Murphy, Egan, Davidson, Nicolaidis, (substitutes Andriotti, Anzakis).

GREEN GULLY: Denny, Stewart, McLelland, Hogben, Cannell, Douglas, Fraser, Campbell, Barachiello (Ilhan), Kadlerik, Theodosopolous (Reynolds).



At the Connor Reserve Preston faced Footscray Just and a record crowd of 5500 turned out to see the game. The large crowd, predominantly Just supporters, were rewarded with a ninth minute Ossie Latif goal but little else as the championship leaders put on an uninspiring display.

If anything a draw would have been a more fitting result especially since Preston had more of the play but it appears that luck is favouring Just for the time being and they escaped with the vital two points.

PRESTON: Tralanidis, Opsalinas, Roodhouse, Iliadis, Dobson, Hays (Nekovski), Cole, Lane, Smith, Woodall, Spink.

JUST: Nikitovic, Petrovski, Barakovic, Carl, Vukcevic, Belle, Tapal, Stolic, Latif, Bozinovski (Curovic), Lujic.



A very disappointing Sunshine George Cross succumbed to Brisbane City 2-1.

Poor defensive work by George Cross allowed Fabrizio in the 48th minute and then Cooper two minutes later enough space to score and help City to a 2-0 advantage.

Although Noel Mitten pulled a goal back for Cross in the 73rd minute they deserved to lose the game on the balance of play.

SUNSHINE: Keogh, Taylor, Richardson (Markovski), Campbell, Parton, James, Faulkner, McLaren (Mitten), Gilder, Bain, Lennon.

BRISBANE: Harrison, Caird, Guglielmi (Archer), Perry, Mengotti, Fabrizio, Catalone (Lettieri), Bromfield, Cooper, White, Rice.



IN a lacklustre game at Olympic Park West Adelaide Hellas defeated Melbourne Croatia 2-1.

Konstandopolous pounced on a defensive error in the 8th minute to put Wests one up and it took until the 48th minute for Croatia to equalise with a well taken goal by Lewis. But Croatia again went behind when Konstandopolous headed in his second goal from a cross by Scott and the score remained 2-1 in a game that never reached any great heights.

CROATIA: Runje, Deankovic, Macintosh, Curcio, Hannah, Campbell, Christaldo, Blaskic, Gojevic (Bonacic), Markovic, Lewis.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook, Brown, Dunn, Honeyman, Hristodoulou, Konstandopolous (Papadopolous), Manou, Scott, Panagis, Ward, Genikis.

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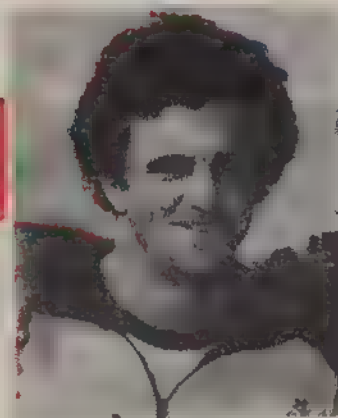
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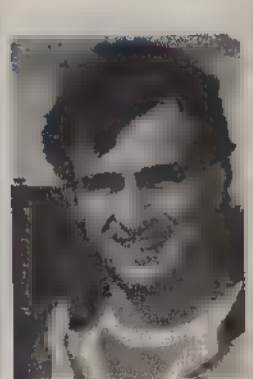
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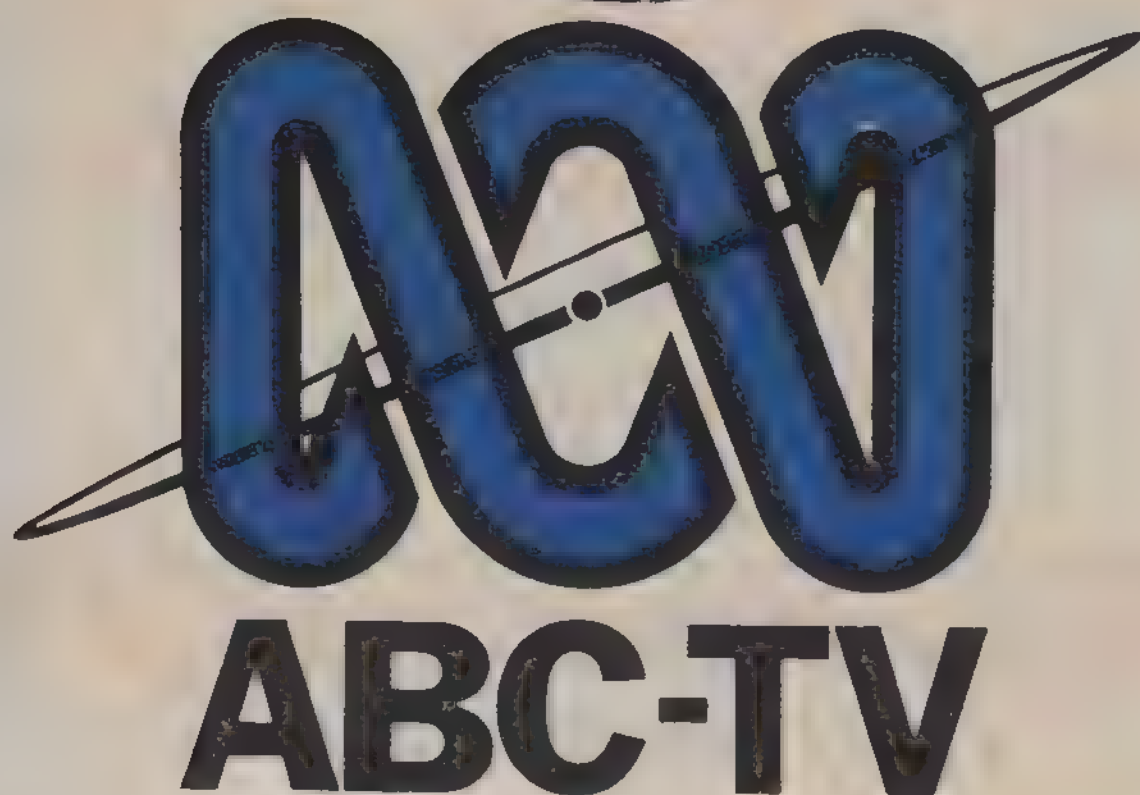
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ASW'S WRAP UP FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA

Illawarra Jottings

WITH PHIL MURPHY

THE progressive Port Kembla club started the season with a lot going for them but they are now in very real danger of being axed from the Premier League.

Coach Joe Moreno admits his side have played poorly at times but he blames controversial penalty decisions for some of the team's woes.

When Port Kembla lost 1-0 to Bellambi — through a penalty kick — it was the third penalty they had seen go into the net in the space of four games.

"I am getting to the stage where I could give the game away," Moreno said after the Bellambi match.

"I honestly feel each of the three penalties should not have been awarded because they were very doubtful and the referee is supposed to give the benefit of any doubt to the defending team."

After the Bellambi game, Port Kembla were anchored in joint last place with Coniston Macedonia.

Port Kembla have developed a fine Soccer complex at Wetherall Park — the result of hard work by dedicated officials.

It would be tragic for these officials if the club is relegated but that must be on the cards, penalties or no penalties.

The controversy about who should have been selected as Illawarra's goalkeeper for the recent match against ACT wasn't solved

when Fernhill played Warilla Wanderers.

Craig Armour was the Illawarra goalkeeper in Canberra but Warilla coach Eddie Mullan claimed his 'keeper, Joe Seco, should have been selected, particularly after Fabio Fabrianisi and later Theo Kalamanidis pulled out through injuries.

Mullan said Seco should have been the first choice and was "amazed" when he wasn't even rated third-best in front of the inexperienced Armour.

When the two 'keepers ran out in opposing teams at Towradgi Park, Warilla outclassed Fernhill 3-0, Armour getting plenty to do.

At the other end, Seco hardly touched the ball all afternoon so he wasn't able to show up — considering his team got the points and are still on top of the league he obviously wasn't too worried.

A brilliant tactical ploy or the luck of the Irish?

Bulli coach Norm Flanagan wasn't saying but he was quite happy to get away with the points in a 1-0 win over West-Figtree at Graham Park.

Going into the game undefeated, Bulli were at times outplayed by the determined Figtree but they just couldn't put the ball away.

Twice striker Daryl Walsh should have scored from "sitters" then midfielder Ian Witheridge was allowed to race clear and with the goal at his mercy could only hit the post.

Towards the end Flanagan used left full-back Chris Woods as a replacement on the right wing and with four minutes to go he scored to give Bulli a 1-0 win.

"I suppose Figtree could claim they should have won about 4-1 but this game is all about scoring goals and we scored one," Flanagan said.

The only team to beat leaders Warilla this season, Bulli are hoping for similar good luck or

tactical ploys from their coach in the next few weeks.

South Coast Croatia officials are fuming about two of their players going off to Queensland on holidays in the middle of the season.

The two players, both regular first graders, have left the club in the lurch as other players are out injured.

"I couldn't believe my ears when they told me they were unavailable to play against Helensburgh and Balgownie because they were off to Queensland," secretary Ian Spanacek said.

"The strange thing is they aren't going away together — it is just a coincidence they will be away at the same time."

With coach Neil Williams struggling to get a reasonable side on the field Croatia have a battle on their hands to get through the next few games without dropping points.

On Saturday week, they come up against

Corrimal in what should be the game to determine which team takes the championship.

When Mike Johnson resigned as coach of Fairy Meadow, assistant coach Larry Ashbolt was appointed in a caretaker capacity.

Ashbolt is no stranger to the job, having been in charge at the club previously but he is best known as coach of Wollongong Macedonia.

He didn't have a happy return to the top job as Manly topped Fairy Meadow 2-0 at Cromer Park just four days after Johnson quit.

Ashbolt said he was keen to take the job on permanently if the club wanted him. He has proved in the past that he can get players to respond to his coaching.

Unanderra fullback Alan Sunley isn't having the best of fortune this season.

He has been out for weeks injured but coach

Alec Fleming brought him back for the game against Shellharbour at Barrack Heights.

Just when he was settling back into the team Sunley was given a red card by referee Phil Torpy.

Although Unanderra managed a 1-1 draw Fleming didn't have a great afternoon as goalkeeper Russell Boon punched the ball into his own net for the Shellharbour goal.

Oak Flats had a real coaching crisis recently when coach Tony McDonald was missing for a cartilage operation.

McDonald had the operation performed in a Sydney private hospital but his assistant, Mark Vinton, wasn't able to supervise the team while McDonald was away.

Vinton also had to have a cartilage operation and would you believe he went to the same hospital and shared the same room with McDonald?

The Apple Isle

WITH JOHN TSCHEPPEA

TWO first-half goals by striker Danny Donohue gave Rapid a surprise 2-0 win over Croatia-Glenorchy at South Hobart and lifted Rapid off the bottom of the Cadbury State League Soccer table.

Metro-Claremont had climbed off the bottom with a similar surprise result on Wednesday when it beat Olympia-WPL 1-0, but, the result puts Metro back in last place because of its inferior goal difference.

If things are beginning to get tight at the foot of the table, the situation seems a little clearer at the top.

White Eagles beat Howrah 7-2 in a curtain-raiser and Eagles and Juventus-Pioneer have now opened up a three-point lead over Olympia and Croatia.

Croatia was again without key players Peter Huigsloot and Tony Bacic, while coach David Crosson still refused to make an appearance as a player. Neil Thomas returned

Before his departure, Smith pulled off the save of the match in the 39th minute. Despite limping badly because of an ankle injury, he somehow managed to launch himself off the ground and turn a Donohue header over the bar when a goal seemed certain.

The damage had been done by then however. Donohue had put Rapid ahead in the 7th minute with his first league goal of the season and his to the side in place of Billy Kirkpatrick and, although he put in plenty of effort, he was unable to make a decisive impact.

Croatia's goalkeeper, Stephen Smith, was injured in the first half and replaced by substitute Ivan Baric, a midfielder, at the break.

made it 2-0 four minutes before the interval after a fine dummy by Brushette.

Croatia created enough openings to win the match comfortably but it was woeful in front of goal with O'Brien, Thomas, Thompson and Francis all squandering great chances.

White Eagles' Southern Tasmanian and Australian Schoolboys' representative, Peter Groenewoud, is one of the finest goalkeepers in the State.

He does have one glaring weakness, however, and that is goalkicks. He usually makes a complete hash of at least one goalkick in each match but invariably gets away with it.

Against Howrah, his luck ran out when he miscued a goalkick after only three minutes. The ball bounced and bobbed to Richard Corongiu who immediately put Gary Schueler away on the left and the four-goal hero of last week his shot just inside the far post.

That was the only favour that Howrah received. Richard Leszczynski equalised

for Eagles within a minute and goals by Neil Morrison, David Stoddart and Scott Young put the league leader 4-1 up to the break.

Eagles were well worth their win, despite the absence of sweeper Alan Burton, who was effectively replaced by youngster Mark Krzysica, and the forced substitution at half-time of the ill David Stoddart.

But, its overall performance was sloppy and it cannot afford to be so careless if it is to retain the league leadership when it confronts third-placed Olympia at KGV.

DETAILS: White Eagles 7 (Leszczynski 2, M. & A. Leszczynski, Morrison, Stoddart, Young) d HOWRAH 2 (Schueler 2, incl. 1 pen.); Rapid 2 (Donohue 2) d Croatia-Glenorchy 0.

STANDINGS:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
White Eagles	11	8	1	2	38	15	17
Juve-Pioneer	11	8	1	2	34	19	17
Olympia-WPL	11	7	0	4	35	20	14
Croatia-Glen	11	6	2	3	22	11	14
Caledonians	11	3	3	5	17	35	9
Howrah	11	3	1	7	17	29	7
Rapid	11	2	1	8	11	26	5
Metro-Clare	11	2	1	8	9	28	5

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Thirty goals were

scored in the five Tasmanian State League North games played on a wet and cold round 11 weekend — an average of 6 goals per game.

Chief scorer was Georgetown. They hit double figures as they demolished Western Suburbs. Peter Sawdon claimed half of these, enabling him to take second place on the goal-scoring chart after Juventus' Colin Guest.

Guest went on to the top of the goal-scorers chart after he scored a hat-trick in a shock 3-0 win over Devonport.

Phil Davis also got amongst the goalscorers as he claimed three of his team's goals as they cruised to a 5-0 win at home to a Riverside Olympic which was run off their feet by a more organised and workmanlike Matric.

And Bob Stillie hit all four in Croatia's win over a Burnie team that, until the last 15 minutes, was leading 2-1.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Georgetown	11	9	1	1	42	6	19
Ulverstone	10	8	1	1	35	5	17
Juventus	11	8	0	3	34	9	16
Devonport	11	7	2	2	22	10	16
Croatia	11	7	0	4	31	14	14

Burnie	11	2	6	22	8
Matric	11	3	2	6	15
Riverside Oly	11	2	0	9	15
Lston Utd	11	1	1	9	5
Western Subs	10	0	3	7	6

RESULTS:

Georgetown 10 (Sawdon 5, Farrell 2, Hughes, Forsyth, Monagle) d Western Suburbs 0.
Juventus 3 (C. Guest

3) d Devonport 0.
Ulverstone 6 (McGrory 2, Jones 2, Thurley, og) d Launceston 0.

Matric 5 (Davis 3, Reading, Murray) d Riverside Olympic 0.
Croatia 4 (Stillie, 4) d Burnie 2 (Ron Smith, Troughton).



Peter Sawdon (on the ball) and Steve Kannagleser in action in the North v South match.

South Australia

WITH TOM McKAIN

WITH the National League season into the halfway stage, Adelaide City coach Zoran Matic has made another call for "neutral" referees.

While not naming specific whistlers, he pointed out that with the pressure mounting, all games should have referees who could not be accused of hometown bias.

"I am also saying that when teams visit us there should be an inter-

state referee," he said, with City challenging for the lead in the Southern Division.

"I can understand Victorian and Brisbane teams complaining when they come to Adelaide.

"But the Victorians should remember that

they come to SA only twice, and go to Brisbane twice, while we and the Queenslanders have eight trips to Melbourne and two Queensland."

Matic emphasised he was not accusing Victorian referees or Queenslanders of being biased, but the pressure was there even in an ordinary season.

"Now we have teams

fighting to make the top seven and the new 14-team league, so the pressure is intense," he said.

SA officials even had talks after the Adelaide derby match about a "neutral" referee for their clashes.

Sponsorship of the whistlers by Ansett has seen a lot more travelling by the men in black, but most of this has been for specific games

selected by the OASL.

But a request for out-of-town referees seems justified for the run home in what is the most crucial season for all clubs in both divisions.

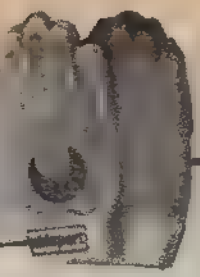
And while sponsorship may not cover the travelling costs for every game, it is certain that despite the precarious financial position of most clubs, they would be willing to pay for referees to travel.

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THE GLOVES ARE OFF WITH TERRY GREEDY



ALL teams seem to go through a slump at some stage of the season and after the loss against Manoro and a further loss to Sydney City it would be safe to assume that St George is a present experiencing such a slump.

The fact that both losses occurred when Dave Ratcliffe was out injured shows the effect his presence has on the teams performance.

"Albert" in his inimitable style which does little to endear him to friend or foe, is able to organise the defence into a more competitive unit than was on display against Sydney City.

His influence on the rest of the team is considerable and his loss has proved costly to the teams position on the ladder.

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The 7-0 drubbing handed out to Saints by the Slickers could signal the turning point for

Aussie captain as passed his best he continues to lead the League's goalscoring leader.

With support from players with speed to burn up front, his poaching ability in the box is certainly coming to the fore.

Love him or hate him (most opposition spectators prefer the latter) have to admire him for the determined, wholehearted approach he takes into every game be it club or international level.

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Promotional work carried on at primary school level by the Rugby League provides players for coaching clinics, financial assistance for playing strips, footballs and free passes for junior players wishing to attend games. More recently with the setting of the Swans in Sydney Aussie Rules has appointed their own

liaison officer to assist with promotion of Australian rules in the school system.

The duty of this liaison officer is to provide lectures on the fundamentals of the game, participate in coaching clinics, and provide information necessary for organising a competition for afternoon sport. Slowly but surely has a result of this promotion work Aussie Rules is gaining widespread acceptance at the junior level.

As is always the case Soccer does not have any such promotion scheme in the school system. Even a simple set-up such as free passes is not made available to the kids.

It would be so easy and so beneficial for the code if the ASF or NSL were to enlist the services of some of the leading players to establish a similar scheme to the Swans and league which would

provide valuable contact in the school system for Soccer.

There are many players who are at present unemployed who would surely jump at the chance of regular work and Soccer would be the winner.

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Whilst I congratulate SBS for the excellent Soccer coverage they provide each week for the National League one aspect of their Monday

night roundup of the weekend action has me baffled. On Sunday they provide a complete coverage of the best game of the round, which is great.

But why must the Monday night show spend so much time repeating the highlights of the Sunday night match? Having already had the opportunity of seeing the game I would much prefer to have the show concentrate on action from other games that we have not pre-



viously seen.
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NEWCASTLE COLLECTS YOUNG DEREK CAISLEY

BY KEITH GILMOUR

EAST GOSFORD product and Killarney striker Derek Caisley has been signed by Newcastle Rosebud and has joined the National League club's Youth team.

Caisley's name hit the lights when he was chosen in the highly prestigious Australian Youth squad by National youth coach Les Scheinflug.

Also in the squad is another Central Coast tyro in Darren Northam, who has often won the left-back spot this season with strong NSL outfit Blacktown City.

Both have hopes of being in the Australia squad to contest the Oceania Youth Championships to be played in New Zealand next January.

If successful the Aussie team will be in Chile for the World Youth Championships

in the following October.

Caisley's departure has left the Central Coast club a bit short on striking power in the Pepsi Cola Premier League.

Much of the burden will now fall to Todd Roberts and Brent Caisley.

But the man who is smiling is Newcastle Rosebud coach Peter Irving, who has relied on his choices such as John Cavanah, Paul Crabtree and Stuart Heap to strengthen his squad to a very creditable mid-table NSL position.

As with other NSL clubs it is high time that they did more to realise the ambitions of young local talent such as Cais-

ley and Northam.

In Central Coast Premier League the clubs with real aspirations for semi-final positions have levelled out to East Gosford, Umina United, Swansea, Southern Ettalong and Wyong.

Budgewoi, The Entrance and Killarney Vale will have a deal of difficulty in challenging, whilst Woy Woy and Wyoming have had to recognise that they are well out of the race.

Meanwhile the Central Coast Northern NSW First Division club led by coach 'Chubby' Lamb has to sort out its back four problems and become more systematic so that results can improve.

SYDNEY CITY SHOW THE OTHER CLUBS THE WAY

SYDNEY CITY's 7-0 defeat of St George at the weekend came as the surprise, even though seven did appear a lot of goals.

But even though they've had an indifferent start to the season, there's no doubt that the Slickers will be there or thereabouts at the end of the season.

They now have a solid squad again with the signing of Tom McCulloch and the return from injury of key players such as Alex Robertson, Steve O'Connor and Murray Barnes.

They now look a very solid outfit again and with their import Eli Ohana firing, look to have that extra bit of pace and flair up front.

There was never any real doubt, though, that Sydney City would be challenging for honours at the end of the season. The club is run too well for that not to happen.

Apart from a good squad of players, the club with Eddie Thomson at the head, is run how an efficient professional club should be

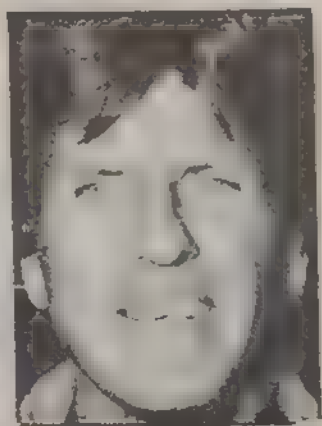
run, without interference from committee and spectators.

Sure other clubs will have brief stints leading the competition or even winning a championship.

But, with stability and planning, clubs that are run like Sydney City will always be the most consistent.

Things haven't gone too well for them so far this season, but no-one hit the panic button. Thomson believes in what he's doing, how the club should play and because he believes in those things he knew that the winning way would eventually return.

To analyse the club though, ought to be a pointer in the right direction for most clubs. Thomson is the manager-coach and he is given a budget to sort out the staff both on the playing side and on the



training and coaching side.

He obviously liaises with his president. But the club believes he has the expertise to handle these matters as well as the coaching of the team and that is why they appointed him.

There's no doubt that it works, and whilst some other clubs can run their clubs on similar lines, others still appoint coaches who they believe can do the job, then continue to tell him what to do and who to select in the team, particularly if a few results go against them.

There are many factors which determine

why a team wins and loses and in the end there is a fine line between success and failure.

Well I still think Sydney City will win the NSL, the only sad apart about it, is that more people should be watching them.

On a number of occasions I've said that one man doesn't make a team, but can be a significant factor in whether a team has success or failure.

Definitely at St George, the absence of Socceroo David Ratcliffe has a marked effect on their performance. His influence in merely being in the team, seems to blend the team together and in particular has a big influence on the good, young players in the side.

Maybe it is his great desire to win that does it, but whatever it is, it certainly is beneficial to them. He hasn't got the ball skills of a Maradona, but he's strong, aggressive, good in the air and a tremendous competitor.

His confidence also rubs off on players and his organisational ability is a great help also.

It is going to be vital for St George's fortunes for the rest of the season that he's back to fitness as soon as possible. No one knows his value more than Frank Arok and that is why he brought him south to Sydney, and why he became a vital cog in the Socceroo machine.

St George have some good young players, their success also is dependent of a steady influence, David Ratcliffe is certainly that for St George.

— ALAN VEST



The late Uncle Joe Vlasits presents Sydney City coach Eddie Thomson with one of the many trophies he has won.

THE QUEENSLAND REPORT

With Greg Russell

CITY NEEDS FAITHFUL

BRISBANE CITY has turned to one of its most faithful servants in its hour of need.

The club, staring NSL axing in the face, has approached three times former coach Nereo Saffich to become a director. The club hopes Saffich can provide a link between the administration and the playing staff.

Saffich, also a former player with City, has played a very low profile within the club since he was sacked late in 1982. But he has always proved the club's most successful coach.

"I will talk to the board, but they must want a hand in some way. It appears I will assist as far as the team is concerned but I don't really know what they have in mind," Saffich said on learning of the club's intentions.

The approach to Saffich is seen as an effort by the club's directors to discover why the players are performing so consistently poorly. Even some of the more established and better credentialed members of the side have let their form slip.

"They are not unhappy, there is good morale in the squad," club secretary Mr Guido Canale said.

Club directors did not explain how Saffich's role would fit in with that of Billy Wilkinson, who last week accepted the NSL coaching position after being in a caretaker role for a fortnight following Jim Hermon's resignation.

But immediately afterwards Wilkinson made it clear there had to be changes to the club's playing personnel.

After weeks dismissing critics claims that

players had to be bought, Wilkinson conceded after the 1-3 loss to Melbourne Croatia: "Maybe we have been overlooking the obvious and it could be that we just haven't got the players for the job. It's something we will have to look at."

City are uncertain who they should buy, although it is painfully obvious they need a good midfielder and through a twist of

circumstances a highly valuable visa spot could open up.

According to club officials, early season signing Phil White may have to return to Britain because of problems with his temporary visa. Rather than bring White out again, the club may opt to go for another import.

But with the June 30 transfer deadline fast approaching, time is running out for the Brisbane club.



ALAN NIVEN — now retired

HUNTER'S WORRIES

A back injury to Lions rising star, David Hunter, appears to be more serious than first thought.

Hunter, 18, is now likely to miss much of the middle part of the season as he remains under doctor's orders to maintain complete rest.

Hunter pulled out of the recent Queensland team, which beat NSW 1-0, because of the back injury which was later diagnosed as a squeezed disc.

He does not expect to

be permitted to train for at least another fortnight and it would probably take at least that time again for him to regain any fitness.

Hunter, the younger brother of Heidelberg stopper Alan Hunter, was first troubled by the back injury during last year's Australian Schoolboys' tour of Great Britain. He has

carried the injury since until three weeks ago when it flared painfully again.

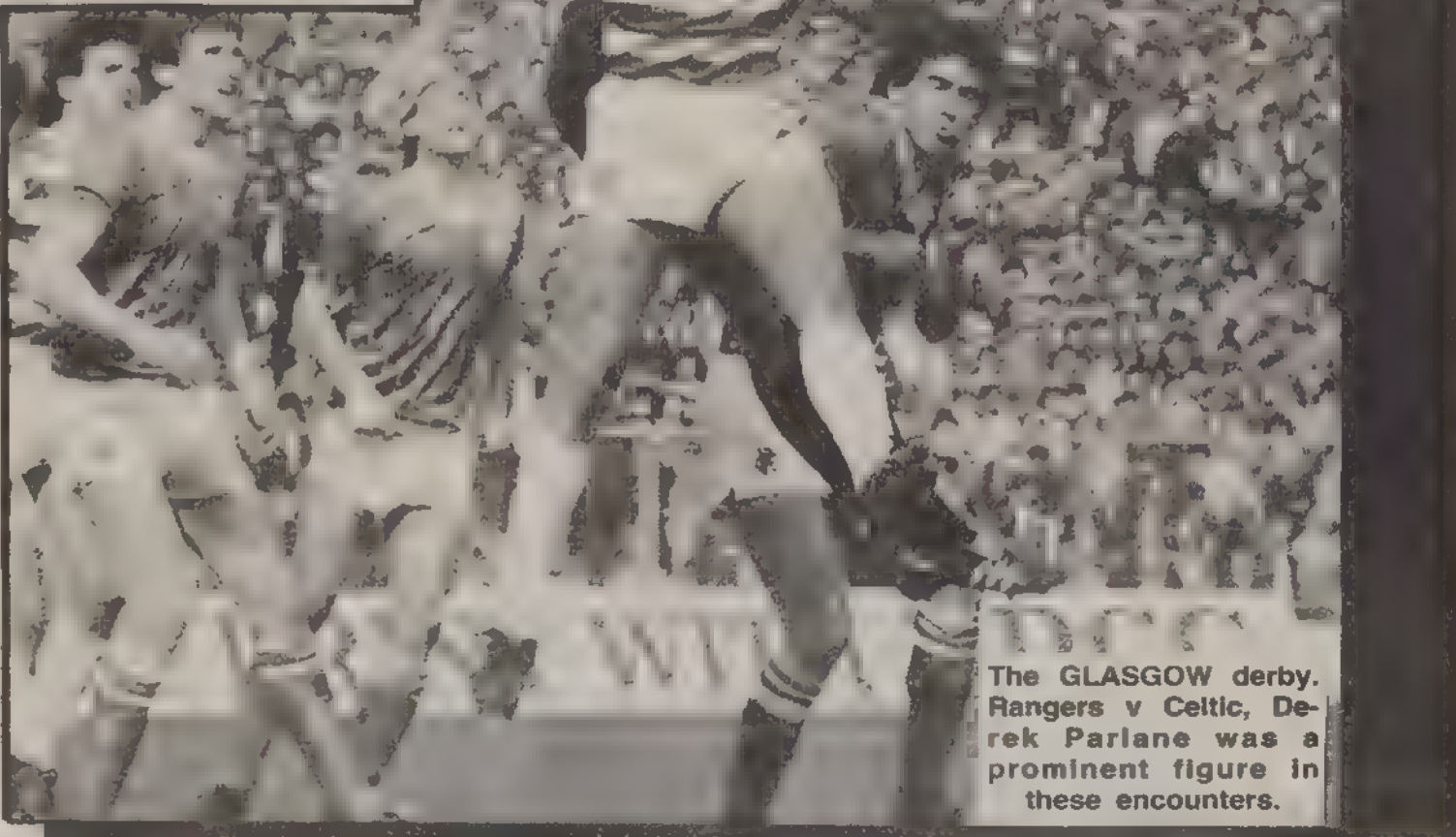
The injury cruelled what was going to be one of the season's highlights for young Hunter — the Richlands clash against Heidelberg and his older brother.

"I really wanted to play in the game, but there was no way I could have taken the park. I will just have to wait," Hunter said.

Meanwhile, with Hunter injured and Alan Niven now retired, Lions' defensive ranks look alarmingly thin. The club has desperately scoured Queensland for replacements before the transfer deadline expires.

Former Townsville player Bill Armit has recently played at stopper and although showing plenty of potential, he still lacks aggressive dominance.

Lions also have had talks with Brisbane player Keith Marsh, a fine defender being used of late as a striker with XXXX League club Grange Thistle. But so far nothing has come of the negotiations.



The GLASGOW derby. Rangers v Celtic. Derek Parlane was a prominent figure in these encounters.

PARLANE FOR AUSTRALIA

FORMER Scottish International Derek Parlane is understood to be looking for a player contract in Australia.

Parlane, the former Rangers goalscorer whiz, is currently playing in Hong Kong. But his wish to come to Aus-

tralia was relayed through his former club team-mate there, Carl Scott, who recently signed for Brisbane club

Eastern Suburbs.

According to Scott, Parlane is interested in a stint down under when the Hong Kong season finishes soon.

Both Brisbane NSL clubs, City and Lions, were advised of the Scotman's wishes but are not interested.

Lions has its full quota of visa players, while City believes it has a good striker in Kieran Cooper and is looking more for a scheming midfielder.

It is not the first time

Parlane has tried to come to Australia. He was offered as a guest player by player manager Bill McMurdo, who accompanied George Best during his guest appearance with Brisbane Lions in 1983.

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MULTI-MILLION VALENTINE PARK FOR COMPLETION IN AUGUST

THE multi-million dollar Valentine Park motel-style accommodation buildings are nearing completion.

BY FRANK FINLAY

Project manager Eric Arneil told ASW that the buildings will be ready and fully occupied by August.

Already the Australian Capital Territory boys have used the first completed of the dormitory and bathroom facilities.

The full complex is to be used by junior players participating in the

National titles in August.

The buildings will comprise 60 individual units accommodating a total of 180 players.

They occupy a total of 1814 square metres and will take a total of 8320 man hours to complete.

The building will house conference rooms, independent quarters for referees, a rumpus room, laundry, store

room, booking and reception rooms in addition to the excellent accommodation.

They are being completed in a conservative style that harmonises absolutely with the existing administration and indoor playing area building.

Double brick walls are obligatory for this type of construction and they will minimise noise to a great degree.



1 - The present stage of construction of the accommodation buildings at Valentine Park are shown together with part of the huge parking area forecourt.

2 - Our second picture shows three of the part-completed rear buildings, with the quadrangle being levelled off.



SOUTHERN TASMANIA DRAWS FIRST BLOOD

SOUTHERN Tasmania snatched victory in the first of a three-match series against a Northern Tasmanian side at Invermay Park, Launceston on June 9 the Queens Birthday holiday.

Ian Parker was the scorer in the 89th minute.

The game opened brightly as the Northerners applied some early pressure but it was the North that also had to nullify a certain Southern goal.

A low cross from the left was snapped sharply goalward by Pace and Carstens made a brilliant reflex save to keep the ball out.

Forster had another good opportunity to score for the Southerners on the stroke of halftime as he broke through and headed for goal.

But Monagle, who was sweeping magnificently, chased back and forced Forster into a

rushed shot that went skimming just wide of the post.

While Kannagiesser and Pace continued to control the midfield for the Southerners, the North persevered with long balls to a their front-runners in Sawdon and Schiebl.

Schiebl was substituted midway through the second half by Brian Davidson. Davidson immediately went to midfield, thus pushing Colin Guest into the forward line.

This began to have its rewards as a ball pushed through by Compagne found Guest who brought it down well and volleyed.

But his shot was charged down. He was,

by far, the liveliest Northern striker.

With 24 minutes remaining, the Northerners were awarded a freekick 12m in front of goal after Groenswond was adjudged to have taken too many steps. However Guest's shot was charged down and scrambled away.

With a draw on the cards, Parker struck.

Pace, who was closed into the corner by Parker and Monagle, managed to tip the ball past them to Parker on the near post. He lashed it past a stunned Carstens.

The South now take a 1-0 lead in the Intrastate series with two games remaining — one in Hobart, the other at Devonport.

SPONSORS SUPPORT YOUTH DEMONS

BLACKTOWN CITY were absolutely delighted to see two of the sponsors of their Youth League teams at the Gabbie Stadium recently to watch "their" teams in action.

Greg Gingell, of G & S Removals and Storage in Blacktown, is not only involved with the sponsorship of the U/13 team, but he also works very hard at promoting Youth Soccer in the club's region. His efforts, ideas, innovations and his sponsorship are greatly appreciated by the Demons.

Richard Stanley is the Marketing and Finance Manager of E & F Stanley Pty Ltd of Rozelle. He has recently returned from a promotional tour of China and Japan to promote the firm's world-famous "T-Cut" Super Hand Saw.

Richard attended the top of the table clash between Blacktown City and Marconi, regarded by many as the two finest U/14 teams in NSW. Although the match did not produce any goals, Richard was very impressed by the skills of the youngsters and the entertainment provided by both teams.

NSW CHS BOYS INTER-REGIONAL TITLES

A feast of top Soccer awaits visitors to Balgownie Oval, Wollongong over the next 3 days as top schoolboy Soccer players from all over NSW battle it out in the NSW Soccer titles.

The titles start at 9am on Tuesday June 24th, culminating in the final at 12.30 on Thursday June 26th.

Last year's champions Metropolitan West will be looking to retain their title. Strong opposition though is expected from all regions.

Many National Youth League and State Reps will be playing and the standard is sure to be high.

A State squad will be chosen by coach Glen

Powell, who will be assisted by Chris James, Australian Schools coach and Alan Vest, NSW Director of Coaching.

This squad will compete in a tournament against Independent and Catholic representative sides — which is a first. A final CHS squad will then compete at the national schools titles at Parklea from August 18-22.

Competition for places in the NSW side will be fierce as yet again an overseas trip is being planned.

Last year's NSW side contained Australian Schoolboy representatives Scott Ollerenshaw, Brian Ellem and Paul Quarmby and all are making their mark with NSW National League clubs:

ENCOURAGING OUTLOOK AT SUTHERLAND SHIRE

BY KEITH GILMOUR

SUTHERLAND SHIRE Association obtained an excellent sponsorship this year with the Southgate Shopping Centre.

The deal is worth \$6000 to support their under 13 to 16 years Youth League teams.

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is a special award to a player who is a member of their Youth League or Metropolitan Championship under 11 or 12 years teams.

The selected youngster receives a \$10 voucher to spend at the Centre.

Sutherland combines

with the neighbouring St George district in providing a coaching service to their clubs.

The first Level 1 course of the year was held for the Sutherland clubs at Gympie Bay Oval.

St George's course will be completed at Renown Park, near Oatley RSL, on June 30.

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DEMONS AND MAGPIES IN HISTORIC GET TOGETHER

AN historic meeting took place at the Blacktown City Soccer Club recently between officials representing Blacktown City and the Granville District Soccer Football Association.

One of the main areas of discussion was the operation of Soccer in the Parramatta and Hills areas. Of concern to both bodies is the long term future for players from these areas.

Blacktown City's Promotions Committee were the instigators of this meeting. They explained, through chairman Bob Brooks, the aims of the visits by their Senior squad to local junior clubs.

These visits took place on Tuesday nights and are aimed at clubs in the immediate vicinity of the Gabbie Stadium.

Junior players are provided with coaching for about one hour after which the senior players are put through a training session by Casey de Bruin.

Junior coaches are encouraged to watch, listen and learn from this phase of the night. Blacktown City distri-

bute promotional material at the conclusion of these sessions which include Student Season Passes to the youngsters.

It was further explained that Blacktown City had conducted coaching sessions on Sunday mornings as well as goalkeeper coaching sessions. These involved David Lee, Blacktown City's Director of Youth Coaching and John McDonald, the Club's Senior goalkeeping coach.

During the May School Holidays Blacktown City conducted a coaching clinic for selected boys from junior clubs.

These clinics provided three days intensive coaching in skills, tactics and personal development. No participant can have failed to be improved over the three days.

It was agreed that Blacktown City's activi-

ties in these areas are in the very best interests of the game.

The range of subjects discussed at this meeting was as diverse as "There should be as many opportunities as possible for players to compete at Youth League level" — an expression of the thought that the greater the QUANTITY the greater the exposure to top quality play — to "The Youth League ought to be reduced in numbers" — the thought that the Youth League should be for only the very best players and therefore somewhat elitist.

There was mutual agreement that the code needs a complete restructuring, from the top down. It was felt that this would ensure a stronger code, better use of the administrative talent available and a total co-ordination of matches from National League through to U/6 mini-Soccer.

Bob Brooks said that

a place in one of the Demons teams was a stepping stone to representing Australia. He referred to David Scott who was a member of the U/16 World Cup Squad and to the five players who were in the training squad for the U/19 World Cup. (Paul Edmunds, Paul Quarmby and Darren Northam have since been selected for the final squad).

The Granville representatives stated that they had more than 6,340 players registered for the 1986 season but they expect this figure to fall in future years due to demographic shift of the population.

They added that they could see a bright future in closer co-operation with senior clubs such as Blacktown City.

G.D.S.F.A. Secretary Howard Smith expressed his satisfaction with this historic meeting and promised that all meetings of this nature would continue to have his whole-hearted support.

NSW YOUTH

LEAGUE RESULTS

ROUND 13

DIVISION 1

		U/13	U/14	U/15	U/16
Blacktown City	vs Syd Olympic	3-0	2-3	0-1	0-0
Illawarra	vs Cant Marick	1-0	5-2	0-1	1-4
Melita	vs Marconi	1-2	0-1	2-2	1-3
Nepean Assoc	vs St George	1-3	0-1	1-3	0-1
Gladesville	vs Apia Leich	3-1	0-4	0-4	0-1

DIVISION 2

Granville Assoc	vs Manly Assoc	1-0	0-0	1-1	1-5
Nth Bankstown	vs Sydney City	0-2	0-4	0-2	1-0
Sutherland Assocvs	Sthn Districts	1-0	0-4	0-3	1-1
Ku-ring-gai Assocvs	Central Coast	0-0	3-2	1-1	1-3
Macarthur Assoc	vs Avala	2-1	0-3	3-1	0-0

DIVISION 3

Canterbury Assocvs	Rockdale	2-4	2-2	1-5	0-0
Campbelltown	vs Polonia Syd	1-3	2-0	0-2	0-1
Bankstown Assocvs	U. Auburn	2-1	1-3	3-0	1-3
Croatia Syd	vs Syd Yugal	4-0	5-0	4-0	6-0
Blacktown	bye				



Midfielder Ashley Gurd from the Sutherland under 14 team receives his award from Max Green, who coaches Sutherland State League club's reserve grade team. Max said that young Ashley showed plenty of grit and determination and encouraged his team-mates to excel.

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Scott Gould has a good shot in either foot and plays in Sutherland's U12 team. The presentation is being made by Robby Sellars, who himself came through the ranks to the Soccer Sharks first team.

TOWARDS FURTHER UNIFICATION

BY BILL TURNER

TYPICAL of the forward thinking by directors controlling Northern NSW Soccer is their latest thrust towards unification of all Soccer throughout the state.

Led by president Dave Williams the directors have requested all members, associate members, affiliated organisations and branches to submit any plans that they believe would be appropriate to the unification scheme.

All submissions will be assessed in conjunction with the Board's own proposals during the ensuing months. The

Board will then call a special meeting of all parties concerned probably at Coffs Harbour to make final submission.

The Board is already studying the structures of the states of NSW, Queensland, Victoria and South Australia and will co-opt the services of a management consultant during the course of its assessments. It will also invite the Executive

Director of the Australian Soccer Federation, Brian Emery, to attend the special meeting.

This move is a genuine attempt to make the state of Northern NSW an even more progressive and unified body and should be given every assistance.

If the couple of bodies who seem to be under the delusion that "the grass is greener on the other side of the fence", would give their efforts towards building up their own state it would be of great service to all Soccer.

UPSETS ON SOUTH

COAST

UPSETS occurred in the area quarterfinals of the Oak Bill Turner Cup down on the South Coast.

Names new to readers have emerged to contest the semifinals.

First up was Smith's Hill which proved too strong for the South-erners, Bomaderry by five goals to one. Against a less experienced side, Smith's Hill's combination of Than Tran, Hung Vo and Sam Sekuloski were just too strong.

Smith's Hill 5 (Sam Sekuloski 2, Hung Vo 2, Than Tran) d Bomaderry 1 (Paul Cooper).

Early in the season the word spread around . . . "Watch Warrawong". The prediction seems to have some validity as the side swept to a 3-0 win over the strong Kanahooka eleven.

Both exhibited sound defensive play and it took 45 minutes before Warrawong broke through with a goal by Lupco Ilioski. The goal unsettled Kanahooka a little, and they conceded two more goals.

Warrawong 3 (Lupco Ilioski, Dano Martinez, Yane Bogeski) d Kanahooka 0.

Entertainment and excitement was the order of the day when Port Kembla and Corrimal clashed at King George Field, Port Kembla.

The ball was swept to both ends by two sides that had obviously been well coached. Full time saw the teams locked together one all and after another twenty minutes of extra time it was two all.

Excitement mounted as the teams lined up for the dreaded penalty kicks at which Port proved to be the masters by four to two. It was a shame that there had to be a loser in this excellent game.

Port Kembla 2 (Ian Morris, Bobby Katun-zievski) 4 penalties d Corrimal 2 (Stephen Krishna, Paul Hammond) 2 penalties.

In a game dominated

by the speed of both sides, two of the great sporting schools of the South Coast Woonona and Kiera Boys' High played a blinder at Balgownie Oval.

Kiera had the better of play in the first half but were denied the lead by some fine goalkeeping and solid defence.

OAK TURNER CUP SUCCESS

The finals of Divisions 1, 2 and 3 will be played on Monday 30th June and those of Divisions 4, 5 and 6, the following week Monday 7th July, all at Melita Stadium.

WOLLONGONG'S LATIN PROBLEM

WOLLONGONG CITY'S Uruguayan import Leon Arcosa, played in the youth team against St George on Saturday night after a week of high drama on the South Coast.

BY PHIL MURPHY

Arcosa was dropped after turning up late for training and some directors claim Fleming should have fined Arcosa and not left him out of the team.

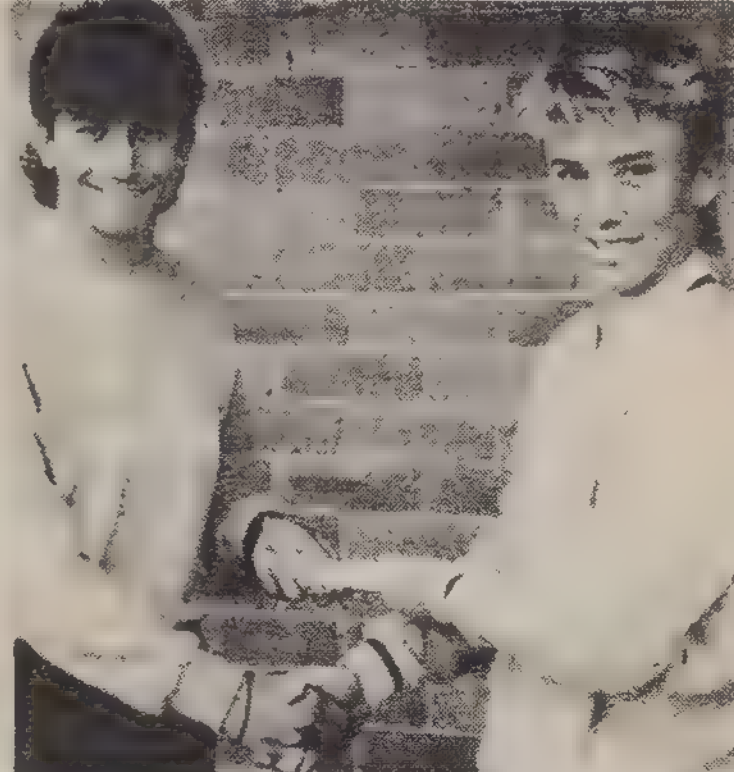
A source close to the board said some directors felt Arcosa hasn't been given a fair deal by Fleming.

They said the South American should be given at least one chance to perform in the senior team alongside countryman Saul Rivero.

Rivero joined the club before the start of the Ampol Cup and Arcosa arrived from Uruguay for the second competition match against Blacktown.

Most supporters have been disappointed with Arcosa and the player himself has said he hasn't travelled all this way to play in the Youth League.

Fleming said he is being paid to coach the team and this includes team selection. "I have to choose the best players and I feel I did this for the St George game," Fleming said.



Dean Barden was picked out from Sutherland's under 15 hopefuls for his ability to score goals and generally to take the game ahead and upset his opposing defenders. This presentation was made by local product Michael Lardis who is now a member of Sydney City's U19 NSL Youth League squad.

STATE LEAGUE ROUND UP

MANLY STAY ON TOP

MANLY WARRINGAH preserved its position at the head of the State League after an entertaining 1-1 draw with Wollongong Macedonia in the top of the table clash at Cromer Park.

Manly dominated from the start and pulled ahead in the 20th minute when midfielder Paul Marshall converted from the penalty spot after Jimmy Campbell had been brought down inside the box.

BY STEVE SHELTON

The second half was a different story as Wollongong came out attacking strongly.

Two corners in quick succession by Wollongong led to a goalmouth scramble and eventually ended up with Wollongong striker Paul Giraldi touching the ball in via a defender's boot.

MANLY: Catlin, Dean, Dick, Robin, van Egmond, Marshall, Campbell, Stuart, McIntosh, Allan, Davidson (Dennis 73m).

WOLLONGONG: Robinson, Muhlbauer, Ruskin, Talevski, Sweeney, Welbourne, Todorovski, Bingham, Robinson (Campbell 89m) Gardner, Giraldi.

TWO goals by former Youth International, Ian Hunter helped Penrith cause the shock of the round with an exciting 3-2 away victory over Avala at Knight Park.

Avala totally dominated the first half and went ahead in the sixth-minute through a header by Radacic and surged further ahead eight minutes later when Filipanovic converted a penalty after a handball by Penrith's Donny Campbell.

But if it was a transformed Penrith who took the field after the break, with the resurgence begun by fullback Gary Hatton, who pulled a goal back with a penalty in the fourth minute.

Four minutes later, Alex Jamieson put super-sub Hunter through to level the scores and in the 18th minute the same combination brought up Penrith's third goal.

PENRITH: Edwards, Hatton, Campbell, Hebb, Shaw, Jamieson, Thompson, Cross, Quarby, Grey (Hunter 46min), Martinez (Kerrigan 87min).

AVALA: Thurlow, Blackburn, Divani, Atletic, Pena, Todor, Marino (Coates 75min), Jeffery (Radovic 80min), Radacic, Filipanovic, Brown.

SUTHERLAND's home ground invincibility was proved yet again when the locals defeated Fairy Meadow 1-0 in an exciting match at Seymour Shaw Park.

In the 70th minute, a shot by Sutherland's Bruce Johnson hit the left upright and rebounded into the path of midfielder Mark Harrington who easily put the chance away.

Harrington and fellow midfielder Brandt Cashman worked hard for Sutherland and were probably the pick of the locals, while Kieren was Fairy Meadow's best performer.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore, Nelson, Cox, Terry, Burrows, Cashman, Meades, Harrington, Johnston (Larond 75th), Hughes, Sharp.

POLONIA recorded its fourth 1-1 draw in five home games but probably deserved better in an entertaining encounter at Chopin Park.

After dominating the opening stanza Ku-ring-gai opened the scoring in the 16th minute when a corner on the left by Nigel Groome was powerfully headed home by striker Craig Bass.

Not to be outdone, Polonia soon came back into the game and it was no surprise when in the 37th min they evened the score through a power-laden free-kick by captain Henry Sobczyk from just outside the box.

POLONIA: Anderson, Robertson, Pratt, Lasek (Mahamah 44m), Kulwicht, Drys, Sobczyk, Colusso, Geekle (Chaw 55m), Pop, Janic.

KURINGAI: Lacey, Kavern, Goldworthy, Bertram, Watson, Groome, Sutherland, Williamson, Quigley, Nile, Bass.

MELITA EAGLES and **Uruguayan Auburn** each had a player sent off and Melita midfielder, Ray Farrugia wound up in hospital in an exciting but stormy match at Mona Park.

Before a good crowd of about 1500, Auburn took the lead in the 10th minute through a 24 metre free kick by Fernando Mosquera.

Then in the 38th minute an act of retaliation by Melita's Len Vial saw referee Townsend show the red card, leaving the visitors to battle on with ten men.

Melita was further depleted in the 60th minute when Farrugia was brought down in a vicious tackle and had to be taken to hospital by ambulance.

Nevertheless, Melita

continued to press forward and in the 72nd minute finally drew level through a 25 metre free-

TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE

	1st	2nd	3rd
Uruguayan Auburn v Melita Eagles	1-1	0-1	0-3
Manly Warringah v Wollongong Mac	1-1	1-1	1-0
Sutherland v Fairy Meadow	1-0	1-3	11-0
Rockdale Ilinden v Warringah F/Water	5-1	5-2	4-1
Polonia v Ku-ring-gai	1-1	0-3	2-1
Avala v Penrith City	2-3	1-4	1-2

STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

Cant. & Dist. v Kingsford Hellenic	2-3	2-3	0-1
Bankstown Lebanon v Campbelltown City	2-0	1-6	0-16
Bathurst '75 v Gladesville Hornsby	0-4	1-3	1-3
Dee Why v North Bankstown	1-0	0-2	1-2
SSC Yugal v Artarmon	3-0	2-2	Art forfeit
Blacktown United v Queens Park	1-0	0-0	0-2

STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

North Ryde RSL v King Tomislav	4-2	1-0	1-0
Moorebank L'pool v Baulkham Hills	3-2	1-3	1-0
Granville Chile v Rooty Hill	0-0	4-1	0-1
Mt Druitt Town v Campbelltown Gunners	0-2	0-5	2-2
Bondi Marine v Port Hacking	1-1	4-1	0-0
West United v Uni of NSW	1-0	3-0	Uni forfeit

INTER URBAN FIRST DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Eastwood St Andrews v Padstow Park	0-5	6-1
Spanish Club v Sydney Uni	1-1	2-0
Chelsea v Fairfield Kiev	3-2	2-2
Concordia v West St George	2-0	0-6

INTER URBAN SECOND DIVISION

Macquarie Uni v Liverpool City	2-0	1-0
Transandinos Sports v Hawkesbury Dist	2-1	6-2
Green Valley United v Wentworth Waratah	2-0	5-2
Maroubra v Chile Sports	2-0	2-1
Pagewood v Rosebery	3-2	1-5
Hurstville Zagreb v Dulwich Hill	1-3	0-2

INTER URBAN THIRD DIVISION

Chullora v Colo Colo	2-5	1-6
Greenisland v Lansvale Utd	2-2	3-1
Haberfeld B/D's v Petersham	1-1	3-3
Green Valley United v Sydney Maccabi	2-1	6-0
Rangers Hadrjuk v Robins	1-2	2-2
Welcome v Blacktown Wanderers	2-2	3-2

INTER URBAN FOURTH DIVISION

Columbian v Argentinian L/C	2-2	2-0
Crescent Star v Abruzzi	1-2	3-4
Murray Farm Rangers v Lithgow Workmens	2-1	1-0
Macedonia Yagoona v Jedinstvo United	3-0	23-0
Luddenham Croatia v Cyprus United	0-3	4-3

INTER URBAN FIFTH DIVISION

Calabna v Amcliffe RSL	0-0	1-1
Cobrolea v Orange Waratah	0-2	3-1
Hellas Poseidon v Macedonia Eagles		Mac forfeit

kick by Wayne Farnsworth.

URUGUAY: Rossano, O'Donnell, Tomasic, Woods, Piris (Perdoma 46m) Mosquera, Van Helden, (Vichelet 86min), Cuba, Calcaterra, Jenc, Carrizo.

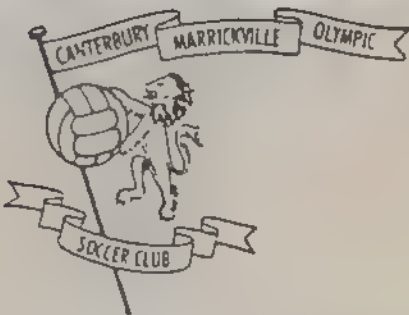
MELITA: Avellino, Laing, Williams, Lomas, McCoy, Tredennick, Farrugia, (Callanan 60m), Vial, Farnsworth, Foxman, Dalton.

ROCKDALE Ilinden were anything but perfect hosts when they went on a strong rampage against visitors Warringah Freshwater to win 5-1 at Hurstville Oval.

TNT SKYPAK LEAGUE DIV 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manly Warringah	12	6	4	2	17	8	16
Wollongong	12	5	5	2	9	5	15
Melita Eagles	12	5	4	3	23	10	14
Rockdale	12	6	2	4	22	15	14
Ku-ring-gai	12	4	6	2	11	8	14
Uruguayan	12	3	7	2	9	11	13
Sutherland	12	6	2	4	13	11	14
Warringah F/W	12	5	2	5	19	24	12
Avala	12	4	3	5	12	14	11
Polonia	12	3	5	4	16	20	11
Penrith City	12	3	0	9	15	32	6
Fairy Meadow	12	2	0	10	10	18	4

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STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION

Canterbury & Dist	vs Bankstown Lebanon	Blick Oval
Kingsford Hellenic	vs Artarmon	Kensington Oval
Campbelltown City	vs Bathurst '75	Proctor Park
Queens Park	vs SSC Yugal	Erskineville Oval

STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

Port Hacking	vs Moorebank L'pool	Seymour Shaw Pk
Baulkham Hills	vs Granville Chile	Ted Horwood Res

SUNDAY 29th JUNE

STATE LEAGUE 1st DIVISION

Melita Eagles	vs Manly Warringah	Melita Stadium
Penrith City	vs Uruguayan Auburn	Cook Park
Wollongong Mac	vs Sutherland	Berkeley S/Ground
Fairy Meadow	vs Rockdale Ilinden	Corrimal Mem Pk
Warringah F/Water	vs Polonia	Narrabeen F/C
Ku-ring-gai	vs Avala	Parklands Oval

STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION

Gl'ville Hornsby	vs Dee Why Swans	Pioneer Park
Nth Bankstown	vs Blacktown United	Potts Park
SSC Yugal	vs Bankstown Lebanon	Blick Oval

STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

C'belltown Gunners	vs Nth Ryde RSL	Bensley Road
Uni of NSW	vs Mt Druitt Town	Little Bay Oval
King Tomislav	vs Bondi Marine	Croatian S/G
Rooty Hill	vs West United	Cawarra Park

THE WOMENS SOCCER SCENE

CENTRAL COAST

THE Central Coast Womens Soccer Association welcomed representative teams from Armidale, Far Nth Coast, Tamworth, Macquarie and Newcastle to compete in the NNSWWASF State Championships, held at Woy Woy on the Queen's Birthday weekend.

Thirteen teams, including Central Coast played in the three age groups A/A, U/17 and U/15, competing for state championships honours.

The excellent standard of Womens Soccer and beautiful weather attracted many spectators.

Central Coast and Macquarie, as in so many previous years, were rivals in all divisions. Macquarie taking the honours in both U/17 and U/15 with Central Coast being runners up. Central Coast were the victors in the A/A with Macquarie taking second place.

The selection of NNSW state players was announced at the presentation and disco held on the Sunday night at the Central Coast League Club, concluding a very enjoyable weekend.

The Central Coast, once again is well represented with an overall 15 players being selected.

Also a special award was presented to the coast's number one player Renaye Iserief, for her 10 years continuous representation as a NNSW player. Renaye has also represented

Australia for five years.

The annual Central Coast October tournament will be played at the Bateau Bay Sports Ground on 4th, 5th, 6th October.

Harvey Norman Discounts are again sponsoring this tournament with prize money totalling \$900. It will be played in three age groups A/A, U/17, U/15. Any affiliated clubs are eligible to enter.

For further information contact Association Secretary 043 25 7686.

BIG GAMES FOR CHS GIRLS

THE NSW CHS Inter-Regional Girls' titles will be held at Box Rd, Sylvania from July 15-17.

A feast of top Soccer is expected with many State U15 and U17 players on view. The games are expected to be a very high standard.

A NSW CHS side will be selected by coach Owen Sinden for the National titles in August which will co-incide with the Boys National titles at Parklea.



Sutherland Shire Soccer Club's all new cheer girls at Seymour Shaw.

BUDGEWOI BELLES

THREE players from the Budgewoi club have won places in the Northern NSW team to play in the National Championships in Adelaide in September.

Chosen were Australian international Renaye Iserief, Debbie Saunders and Donna Pullen.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

Also in the team is long-striding midfielder Sharon Dewar from Ocean Beach.

In all the Central Coast gained 18 positions spread over the State teams in the senior, under 17 and 15 years grades.

Central Coast is the 1986 Northern NSW senior champions and the runners-up in both the junior grades.

Selections in the U17 State side from the

Coast were Karin Wilkinson, Belinda Woodward, Katrina Barsby and Kerin Hawk (Killarney Vale), Lisa Vandorp, Michelle Davidson (Wyoming), and Michelle Clayburn (Ocean Beach).

In the under 15 squad are Jeanette Wells, Tracey Edgeworth (Ocean Beach), Joanne Weiland, Nicole Wood, Nicole Jones (Killarney Vale), Lisa Leary (Kincumber), and Diane Fathers (Wyoming).

Central Coast can look with pride to their results in the Northern NSW Championships.

The World Cup Glamour

The Mexican World Cup is not all male dominated — no sir! Not by a long way. Below ASW presents a pictorial tribute to all the lovely lasses who have made this World Cup one to behold. Amongst the montage are supporters of Brazil, Spain, Canada and Denmark.



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ARGENTINA WIN THROUGH AGAIN

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goal in the 42nd minute. Although Uruguay tried to claw their way back into the game, it would have been an unjust result if they had done so.

Maradona was in brilliant form, tantalising the Uruguayan defence with his breathtaking skills.

Despite his influence, the match was marred as a spectacle by 64 free-kicks as Italian referee Luigi Agnolin, the man who sent Frank Arak off the bench during the Socceroos' game against Israel in Tel Aviv last year, blew up for almost everything in a bid to prevent a repetition of Uruguay's brutal encounter with Scotland.

Agnolin was powerless, however, to prevent a personal feud developing between Uruguayan striker Enzo Francescoli and Argentine defender Oscar Garre which earned them two of the seven bookings in the game.

The match ended in gloomy conditions with driving rain, thunder and lightning making play almost impossible and, in the process, probably thwarting any chance Uruguay had of forcing a draw.

The conditions took their toll with Pasculli making a terrible meal of trying to score when he broke clear in the dying moments but he dribbled the ball into the arms of goalkeeper Fernando Alvez.

It was one of a number of relatively easy scoring chances the Argentines had. Poor finishing cost them at least three clear-cut scoring opportunities.

Fortunately for them, Pasculli made no error in the 42nd minute when he scored the game's only goal.

Argentina launched a move down the right. The ball was driven in to the area where Uruguayan defender Eduardo Acevedo misread striker Jorge Valdano's challenge and hit the ball into the path of Pasculli, who guided the ball home from six metres.

The goal followed constant Argentine pressure with Maradona carving openings on both sides of the defence.

The Uruguayan changed their tactics in the second half and substituted Atletico Madrid striker Jorge de Silva for Wilmar Cabrera in a bid to get the equaliser.

They went close several times, but luck was against them.

The slippery surface nearly brought the Uruguayans an equaliser two minutes from the end when Argentine goalkeeper Nery Pumpido could not grasp a shot and Francescoli nearly scored from the loose ball.

Uruguayan coach Omar Borrás boycotted the after-match press conference because he was barred from the bench by the International Football Federation.

The ban was imposed after he called the referee a 'murderer' after the Scotland game and he spent the game in the stands armed with a walie-talkie.

Roberto Recalt, secretary of the Uruguayan Football Association, took Borrás's place in the interview room and praised the handling of the game by referee Agnolin.

"He was the best Uruguay had in four games," Recalt said, "He did not allow the game to become violent."

Argentine coach Carlos Bilardo also said that the game was well refereed, adding that it was a good, hard match but not violent despite the seven bookings.

He said he liked playing Uruguay because he knew the style of his team's long-time rivals.

Bilardo had particular praise for the star performance of Maradona. "He is an example for Argentine youth. He played for the team and not for himself."

Argentina beat Uruguay 1-0 (halftime 1-0).

Scorer: Pedro Pasculli (42nd minute).

Attendance: 26,000.

ARGENTINA: Nery Pumpido, Jose Cucluffo, Jose Luis Brown, Oscar Ruggeri, Oscar Garre, Ricardo Giusti, Sergio Batista (Julio Olarticochea 85th), Jorge Burruchaga, Pedro Pasculli, Diego Maradona, Jorge Valdano.

URUGUAY: Fernando Alvez, Eliseo Rivero, Nelson Gutierrez, Eduardo Acevedo (Ruben Paz 60th min), Miguel Bossio, Sergio Santin, Jorge Barrios, Dario Pereyra, Venancio Ramos, Enzo Francescoli, Wilmar Cabrera (Jorge de Silva 46th min).

REFEREE: Luigi Agnolin (Italy).



PEDRO PASCULLI scores for Argentina against Uruguay.

POMS TOO GOOD

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Shilton did well to get down to quickly.

The 28th minute saw Canete smash a hot left-footed drive at the target which Shilton stylishly tipped over the cross-bar.

Just two minutes later, centre-back Terry Butcher attempted a back-pass without looking properly and it was promptly intercepted by Canete. Canete fired a vicious drive at the goals which saw Shilton scramble back hurriedly to block.

Within a minute of this close call, England

scored at the other end.

Glenn Hoddle collected the ball and whipped in a low cross to the back-post for Steve Hodge. Hodge cut it back off the by-line in front of goals where Lineker knocked in a first time shot from closerange.

Two minutes later England came again when Peter Beardsley crossed into Paraguay's box for Lineker. Lineker's deadly shot was brilliantly tipped over the cross-bar by the backward diving Fernandez.

With events rolling

smoothly for England, a piece of vicious play appeared in the 54th minute as Lineker was pushing forward off the ball.

Paraguay's Torales came across and elbowed Lineker across the throat which dropped the England striker like a flash. Lineker was stretched off the pitch to receive medical attention.

Infuriated by such unsavoury play, England within 60 seconds scored their second goal.

From a corner on the right by Hoddle, Butcher

hit a hot shot which was half blocked by the Paraguayan goalkeeper. The ever-alert Beardsley zipped in on the loose ball and belted back in to score from six metres.

The Paraguayan later appealed for a penalty when Torales was pulled back by Butcher inside England's box. The penalty appeal was flatly denied by the Syrian referee, Mr Sharif.

England was in full control and kept coming forward with Lineker back on the pitch.

Paraguay's tempers became heated as they tried to pull a goal back and this affected their play.

Eighteen minutes from the bell, England was in again.

And again it was that man Lineker.

Hoddle was the architect in the move when he sprayed a piercing ball to Trevor Stevens. Stevens nicely squared into the box for Lineker to rip in his second goal and fifth of the series.

England's victory lifted them into the quarter finals to now meet Maradona's men.

The main worry England's manager Bobby Robson has is that of the six goals scored so far, no less than five have come from Lineker's boots.

But offsetting this dilemma Robson must have been elated by Beardsley's hunger for work in coming back as well as Hoddle's magnificent distribution and the solidarity of his midfield.

England's chance of reaching the final must not be discounted. They are a better team than even money in my view after today's performance.

ENGLAND: Shilton; G.Stevens, Butcher, Martin, Sansom; T.Steven, Hoddle, Reid (G.Stevens-Spurs 56th), Hodge; Lineker, Beardsley (Hateley 81st).

PARAGUAY: Fernandez; Torales (Alcaraz 63), Zabala, Schettina, Delgado, Nunez, Ferreira, Romero, Cabanas, Canete, Mendez.

REFEREE: Mr Sharif (Syria).

SPANISH ARMADA

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saster struck Denmark through their penalty scoring hero, Olsen.

Olsen, on receiving the ball from his goalkeeper wide right of the box, decided to turn it back to the 'keeper.

Spain's deadly striker, Emilio Butragueno read the situation, and swooped in like a "vulture" to intercept and knock his shot past a horrified, out of position Danish goalkeeper and level the scoreline.

And this was just the goal that turned the whole match around.

Up until then Spain was on the ropes and heavily under pressure. The goal just could not have come at a better time and this injected the Spaniards with a stimulant that laid the foundations for their second half demolition of the Danes.

The 56th minute saw Spain push ahead to 2-1 through a corner on the left which saw Gamacho head towards the back post. Butragueno was on hand to head again but this time into the net.

The 69th minute saw Spain receive a penalty when champion striker Butragueno was dropped in the box by Busk of Denmark.

Goicoechea's cracking shot from the penalty spot spun Spain into a 3-1 lead.

With ten minutes left on the clock, Spain rattled another two goals in when Butragueno com-



pleted his hat-trick after meeting a cross from the right and added another from the penalty spot in the 88th minute.

Spain's second penalty was awarded when Olsen fouled Butragueno in the area.

Spain's skipper, Gamacho, handed the penalty over to Butragueno to add to his hat-trick as well as to take his tally to five goals, equal top goalscorer with Gary Lineker of Spain.

SPAIN: Zubizarreta; Julio Alberto, Goicoechea, Camacho, Gallago; Martin, Moreno, Munoz, Caldera, Salinas (Olays 46), Butragueno.

DENMARK: Høgh; Busk, Morten Olsen, Nielsen, Andersen (Eriksen 60), Bertelsen, Jesper Olsen, Berggreen, Lerby, Elkjaer, Laudrup.

REFEREE: Jan Keizer (Holland).

— JOHN ECONOMOS

WHAT THE EXPERTS SAID

"We have no excuses. We played against a better team that dominated us in every section of the field. — Italian coach Enzo Bearzot after his team's 2-0 elimination by France."

"France played Soccer for the whole 90 minutes with only sporadic attacks by Italy. — Mexican striker Hugo Sanchez, after watching the match at Olympic Stadium."

"I must underline the very good quality of the French game. We could have scored more goals. — French coach Henri Michel."

"It was a very difficult match. For a good game, it needs two teams. Morocco played more backwards than forwards. — West German manager Franz Beckenbauer on his team's 1-0 victory in Monterrey."

"We tried to play our game. We would have had a chance to bring fresh players in if we had gained extra time but it didn't work out. — Morocco's Brazilian coach Jose Faria after his team lost to a goal in the 88th minute."



MICHEL PLATINI scores against Italy.

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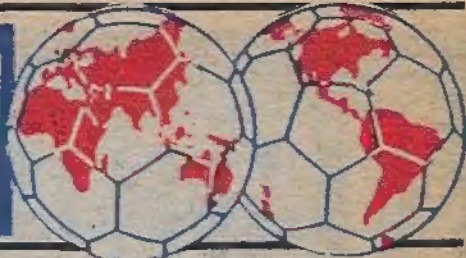


WORLD CUP SNAPSHOTS

- 1—ITALY's ALESSANDRO ALTOBELLI turns to celebrate scoring the first goal of the 1986 World Cup against Bulgaria. 1-1.
- 2—PREBEN ELKJAER watches in amazement as Alcemendil of Uruguay attempts a flying scissor-kick clearance. Denmark 6 Uruguay 1.
- 3—ENZO FRANCESCOLO beats Bertlesson of Denmark. Francescoli scored from the penalty spot in this match. Uruguay 1 Denmark 6.
- 4—JORGE VALDANO of Argentina heads his side into the lead against Bulgaria. The helpless keeper is Mikhailov. Argentina 2 Bulgaria 0.
- 5—DIEGO MARADONA is given a serve of Taekwon Do during his sides 3-1 defeat of South Korea.
- 6—Mayhem in the Northern Ireland area as Spain's Emilio Butragueno along with Lopez and Victor contest a high ball with Alan McDonald and Jimmy Nicholl. Spain 2 Northern Ireland 1.
- 7—PREBEN ELKJAER on target for Denmark against Scotland. Denmark 1 Scotland 0.
- 8—Bulgaria's Nasko Sirakov, second from right is congratulated by his exultant team-mates after scoring the equaliser against Italy late in the opening match of the World Cup.
- 9—ELKJAER and MICHAEL LAUDRUP of Denmark embrace after a goal against Uruguay.
- 10—DIEGO MARADONA heads the ball despite the presence of Uruguayan defender Nelson Gutierrez.
- 11—CARLOS MANUEL celebrates his goal that defeated England. Portugal 1 England 0.
- 12—SALVATORE BAGNI evades Argentinian captain Diego Maradona. In support are Pietro Vierchowod and Gianluca Vialli.
- 13—CARECA is exultant after scoring the winner against Algeria via a series of mistakes in the opposition defence. Brazil 1 Algeria 0.
- 14—PLAMEN GETOV slides on his knees after putting Bulgaria 1-0 ahead against South Korea on a rain-soaked day in Mexico's Olympic Stadium. Bulgaria 1 South Korea.
- 15—LUIS FERNANDEZ can only watch as a shot from Hungary crashes against the bar.
- 16—SERGEI RODIONOV of the USSR evades Canadian keeper Tino Lettieri only to push the ball just wide. USSR 2 Canada 0.



Wide World of Football



GOING AND GONE

JOSE TORRES became the second managerial casualty of the World Cup when he parted company with Portugal.

Although rumours were circulating that Torres had been sacked following the team's failure to reach the second round, he said before they flew off to Lisbon: "I handed in my resignation as manager to the president of the federation and it was accepted."

"I decided it was time to spend more time with my family."

Torres, 47, insisted that his departure was not prompted by the performances of the team, or because of internal conflict between players and officials but said: "Quite simply I just want a rest from football for a while."

Hungary's Gyorgy Mezey is the only other victim so far, saying he was standing down after his side's first round elimination.

Late last week the .novsky also joined the Soviet manager, Loba- departed ones.

DAZZLING DANES?

IT seems that the Danish national squad are in demand not only for their silky footballing skills but also for their looks and builds.

Back home in Copenhagen, Danish girls have voted Soren Lerby and Jesper Olsen as the sexiest players in the squad, whilst recent birthday boy, Michael Laudrup also rated a big mention.

Laudrup turned 22 last Monday and although he received a present from his country's Football Association, he was given no special favours.

"He trained and

worked hard like everyone else," said manager Sepp Piontek.

Meanwhile the class of the Danes has not gone down well with Argentina's captain Diego Maradona.

Maradona last week dared to belittle the Danes, by ranking them alongside, of all teams — Iraq.

In answer to that former Brazilian great, Pele said, "When

Maradona first deflated Denmark to the same rank as Iraq, I presumed his mid-East geography was confused.

"Surely he meant the well-performed till that stage, Morocco.

"But he repeated the opinion, which I can only interpret as some style of Argentinian propaganda meant to demoralise the Danes, especially as they could have met in the semi-finals."

That is but for Spain's brilliant hit and run job on the Danes, who have now been nicknamed the Dazzled Danes!

FORMER Scotland striker Mo Johnston is to be the subject of a sex and drugs probe by the directors of his club, Glasgow Celtic.

The Glasgow club's board is concerned ab-

out sex and drug allegations made against Johnston in a Sunday newspaper by one of his former girlfriends. The Celtic chairman, Tom Devlin, said no action would be taken against the former Watford forward until board members had spoken to him.

Meanwhile the other major Glasgow club, Rangers, has taken an unprecedented step in signing the first ever Roman Catholic to play for the club.

Local boy John Spencer, 15, became the first Catholic to sign as a full-time professional for Glasgow Rangers.

The club's new manager, Graeme Souness, insisted when he took over in April that he would sign whoever he felt could help Rangers

challenge for honours next season.

Since its formation in 1873 Rangers has had a policy of not signing Catholics.

Spencer will leave school during the summer holidays and take up a professional contract in July.

He has been on a schoolboy's registration form with Rangers for three seasons and has played for Scotland Schoolboys at international level.

LAST Thursday the European Football Union barred leading Italian club AS Roma from its competitions in season 1986-87 and banned the club president, Dino Viola, from all

official UEFA activities for four years.

The UEFA said it control and disciplinary committee, ordered by the executive committee to investigate charges that the AS Roma president had attempted to bribe a European Cup referee in the 1984 semi-final clash against Dundee United in April of that year, found the allegations proved.

The match in Rome was won 3-0 by Roma, giving them an aggregate 3-2 win. In the final that year Roma were defeated in a penalty shoot-out by Liverpool.

In more soul-destroying news for Italian football supporters, ALESSANDRO ALTOBELLI, the Italian goalscoring king-pin from Inter announced late last week that he had retired from international football at the meek age of 30, saying that he was stepping aside to give the youngsters a chance.

Altobelli played 44 times for Italy, scoring 20 goals. He also played twice for the Italian 'B' team.

SOME brilliant action from the World Cup in Mexico as France's captain MICHEL PLATINI does his best to defy gravity.

